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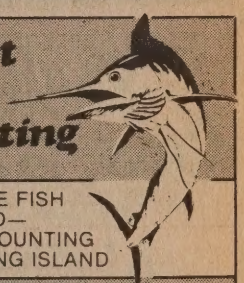

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EAST END BAYMEN DECIDE NOT TO PROCEED WITH STRIPED BASS LITIGATION

In a recent edition of the East Hampton Star, September 23, 1983, the paper reported that the East End baymen have abandoned their plans to initiate a lawsuit to block the 24 inch striped bass management legislation from taking effect this November.

The report indicated that the attorney working on the case for the East End baymen suggested that it was not likely the legislation could be overturned in the courts since "commercial fishermen would be hard-pressed to prove the State Legislature had not acted in the 'general public good', since some group is hurt by the passage of nearly every law."

We think this was a good decision. It's time to put the bickering behind us. The law has been passed and with a lot of good reason and data to support it. Yes, we agree that the legislation will not guarantee good spawning and we never have taken the position that it would. Spawning success is up to Mother Nature. Management does not attempt to guarantee spawning. Rather, management attempts to conserve and protect fisheries resources. In so doing, the potential exists for a larger adult population to sire larger broods. This is a possibility only. The more important effects of management are to stretch out the harvest of adults so that the economic value, both to recreational and commercial users, becomes more stable and of longer duration.

The same article indicated that the commercial fishermen will retain the services of Mr. John Scanlon for public relations. The article states that Mr. Scanlon's priorities in the three months ahead will be to "try to challenge the basis of the new law..., by showing the media scientific evidence that the increased size limit cannot be relied on to bolster declining bass stocks..." "He would also seek Federal funds for research into the commercial fishing industry, ignored in the growing coastwide concern for recreational interests,..." the paper stated.

We have some concrete suggestions to make regarding the above comments as published in the East Hampton Star in the hopes that it will educate those involved on the true meaning of this legislation and a bit about fisheries biology. First, no one concerned with the legislation suggested that the increased size limit will guarantee a larger stock of bass on the East Coast. For the three hundreth time, the legislation was supported to conserve existing stock, decrease fishing mortality, and try to protect the long range future of both the fish and its fisheries. Blasting media people, who are ignorant of marine biology and fisheries biology, with endless data that doesn't apply to the issue is a disservice to the fish and its users. All of us have a very real responsibility to provide background, information, and opinion in a responsible way and we challenge Mr. Scanlon to do so rather than take advantage of the ignorance, regarding these matters, among newspaper writers far afield from marine matters.

Second, one does not do research into commercial fishing unless one is interested in doing sociological research. Instead we research species, habitats, relationships between species, spawning, growth, feeding, mortality, etc. This information is useful to ANYONE involved in marine recreation, marine conservation, marine industries, and marine science, etc. Further, let us point out that although recreational-supported research and recreational-initiated research on marine finfish is growing, the bulk of the research projects are still supported and initiated via commercial channels. There is a very real reason why recreational fishermen are gaining a foothold in government, industry, and among fisheries managers. One reason is that our feet aren't cemented in concrete. We change with the times rather than stick with the old ways because they are the old ways. The reluctance of commercial fishermen to change with the times has caused them to lose credibility in a world that moves forward with lightning speed. The second reason for the shift in power is that it is finally becoming generally recognized that our economic contribution to local and regional economies exceeds that of the commercial fishermen by as much as 100 to 1 in some places. Recreational fishing needs have to be considered because you're talking about tens of thousands of jobs and billions of dollars in economic activity.

Let's stop fighting about this. Once again the invitation goes out. We share the same concerns: habitat protection, fisheries management, fisheries research, and pollution control. If the above issues are attacked vigorously, there'll be more fish in the ocean for EVERYONE to catch.

William A. Muller

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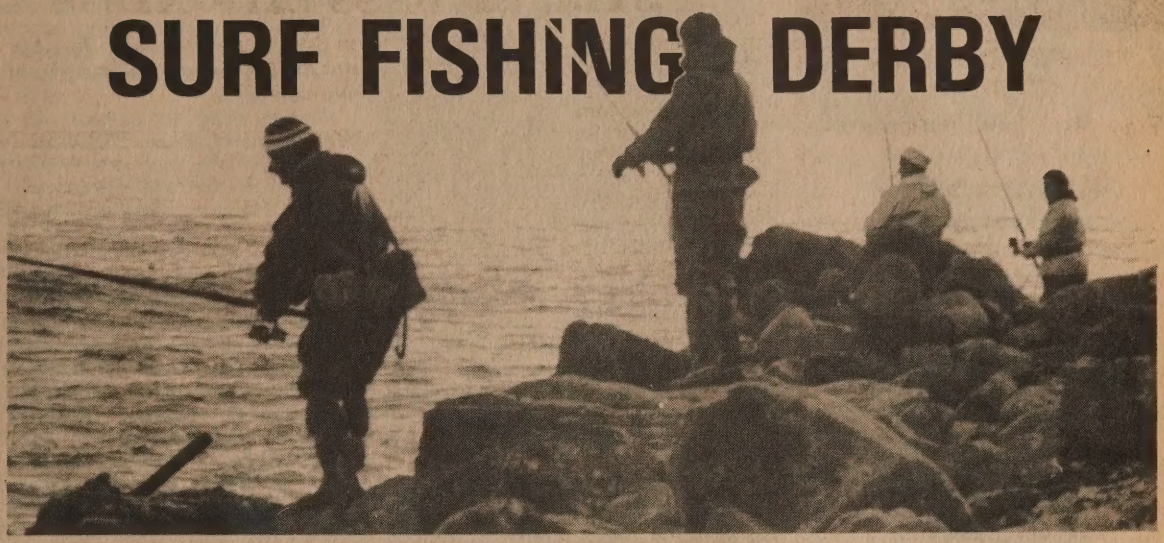

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Conservation measures enacted as the result of agreements made by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) are just beginning to bear fruit in increased populations of school bluefin. We are also seeing dividends in the billfish fishery. In 1980 nearly 8,000 billfish were released dead by Japanese longline tuna fishermen in the U.S. Fishery Conservation Zone. Last year that number was cut to only 670, the direct result of ICCAT quota restrictions on tuna and the ICCAT moratorium on longlining in the Gulf of Mexico during spawning season.

NCMC Vice Chairman Frank Carlton, after seven years of service, will step down as ICCAT Commissioner following the annual meeting in November to take a position as Commissioner to the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization. NCMC President Chris Weld is among those nominated to fill the vacancy created by Dr. Carlton's departure.

Bluefin conservation through ICCAT is paying off and it is now more important than ever to protect the stocks while they rebuild. For this reason it is imperative that Chris Weld be appointed Commissioner to ICCAT. The other leading candidate is on record as having opposed the ICCAT conservation measures of the last two years.

Please write in support of Mr. Weld's nomination. Address your letters to: Ms. Barbara McQuown, Office of Presidential Personnel, The White House, Washington, D.C. 20500.

MONTAUK MARINE BASIN SCHOLARSHIP PRESENTED

The third annual Montauk Marine Basin Scholarship has been awarded to Marine Sciences Research Center (MSRC) student Seth Micah Yarish. The $1,000 award, designed to promote research on a problem affecting Long Island's coastal waters, is made possible through a donation of the Montauk Marine Basin. Mr. Yarish was selected by Marine Basin President Carl Darenberg, Jr. and a committee of MSRC faculty. Mr. Yarish's project was chosen because of its potential to yield scientific and economic benefits to Long Island.

Mr. Yarish's research is part of the MSRC's large multi-disciplinary study to assess the feasibility of using floating seaweed farms to produce gas by harvesting the energy of the sun and then breaking down this seaweed microbially to generate gas. The MSRC will have a pilot seaweed farm in Long Island Sound later this month. Plants require sunlight and nutrients to grow.

Mr. Yarish is investigating the effects of the farm on the release of nutrients from the underlying seafloor. He will use the award to carry out his plan to study the effects of added organic matter—from the pilot seaweed farm—on the seasonal relationship between nitrogen generation from the seafloor and the sinking of organic matter in Long Island Sound. Nitrogen is the major nutrient which limits primary production in most coastal ecosystems. In many coastal marine systems benthic nitrogen regeneration can supply up to 80 percent of the nitrogen required to drive primary production. Benthic nitrogen regeneration is the remineralization of organic matter, of which macroalgal detritus is a significant source, in the sediment and its release to the water column. With a better understanding of the nitrogen cycle in Long Island Sound, suggestions on deployment of future macroalgal farms can be made to better maximize the productivity of the

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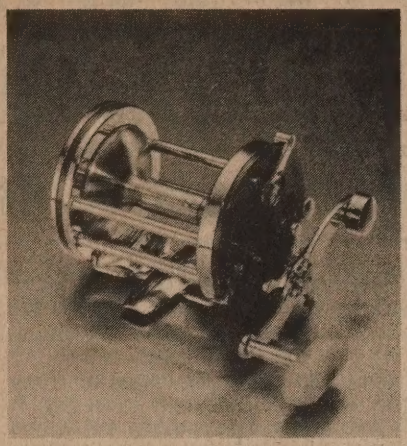

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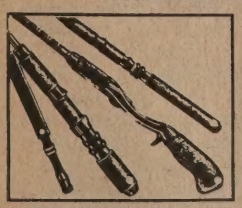

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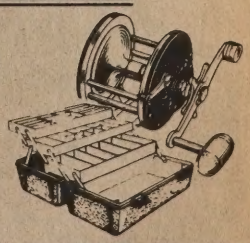

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TUG-A-TOG AT PORT JEFFERSON

by Tom Schlichter

This section of Long Island Sound is blessed with classic blackfish terrain.

The picturesque Port Jefferson area has long been noted for its consistent blackfishing. Nestled in the hills of the Island's midpoint, this north shore harbor serves as the gateway to some of Long Island's most popular blackfish haunts and it's no wonder. One look at the rocky waters that flow just outside the harbor mouth and the serious tog tugger knows he's on the trail of some fine fishing. Littered with large rocks and boulders, the Sound floor in this area serves as a haven to a huge population of crabs and shellfish (especially mussels). It is this ready food supply, combined with the protection of the rocks and a strong tidal flow, which draws blackfish in large numbers to these waters.

Although fairly productive in the spring and harboring a resident blackfish population year-round, the real hot fishing at Port Jeff doesn't get under way until the arrival of October. At this time, hordes of blackfish in the one to four pound class invade the inshore waters as the declining water temperature serves as an open invitation for the bucktoothed bottom dwellers to dine among the rocks and mussel beds that dominate the locale.

You can expect to catch blacks to 5 pounds here on a regular basis. The possibility of much larger fish call for having a net along.

While the numerous rocks and boulders of Long Island Sound serve as sanctuary to the blackfish, they also are a hindrance to the fisherman. Many large rocks lie just below the water's surface, especially at low tide, and it's advisable that boaters proceed with caution. Try to stay at least a quarter mile off the beach as you head for the fishing grounds and keep a sharp eye out for any changes in the water's surface that may indicate a submerged boulder. In short, navigate with caution until you become familiar with the local waters. Most days it will be necessary to inch your boat right up to the rocks to cash in on the action. Just advance slowly and there should be no trouble.

Although any protruding rocky point of land, west or east of the inlet is likely to produce, my greatest success has undoubtedly come just west of the inlet at Oldfield Point. Further west, Crane's Neck also produces well. To the east, the Shoreham pipeline is a sure bet if you are willing to travel the six to eight mile distance.

As the fish do move from spot to spot, your best bet is to ask one of the local tackle shops for information. These people will gladly fill you in on locations, tides and bait preferences of recent days. Port Jeff Harbor, by the way, offers excellent facilities for the fisherman. There are several tackle shops located in town, a boat rental shop, a town launching ramp (non-resident fee $10), and plenty of places where a hungry angler can grab some grub.

Medium tackle is the rule here. A sturdy six foot boat rod and conventional reel such as the Daiwa Millionaire, Shimano Triton or Penn Jigmaster is what the doctor orders. Fill your reel with 12 to 20 lb. test, abrasion resistant monofilament. Spinning tackle can be used if you wish; however, my thinking is that conventional tackle offers more control over the stubborn tautogs. Remember, you'll be fishing in the rocks and a whippy spinning rod may

not have the backbone necessary to turn a good sized blackfish before it gets its nose into trouble.

Standard blackfish rigs are the norm. With the exception of a black barrel swivel, no hardware is used. Keep it simple. Begin by tying a 12 inch leader of 20 to 30 pound test mono to the barrel swivel by way of an improved clinch knot. Now, using an end loop, tie in a two to four ounce sinker. Sinker weight will vary according to current strength and water depth. Use as little weight as possible to securely hold bottom. I choose to employ bank sinkers as they seem to snag less frequently than other sinker shapes. If you need more than four ounces of lead, pull anchor and move to a spot with less current. The fishing here seems to slack off when the current pushes too hard and it's not worth fighting for the few fish you're likely to catch. To complete the rig, tie in a #6 Virginia style hook six to eight inches above the sinker. Some anglers choose to employ two hooks, but I think single hooks rigs are less likely to snag. I'd rather spend my time fishing than unsnagging my hook all day. I leave it up to you. In any case, be sure to bring plenty of extra hooks and sinkers because, if you're fishing in the right place, you're bound to lose a few.

When purchasing hooks, be sure to ask for Virginias. These hooks are specifically designed with blackfish in mind. They are bluish-black in color and ultra durable. Virginia-style hooks will stand up to the tough fight of a blackfish as well as the many rocks and obstructions that stand between you and a full bucket. I once went out with a few cheap freshwater hooks because I was too lazy to stop and buy Virginias. I managed to catch a few tog, but was extremely disappointed when a good sized fish bent my hook and managed to slip away. To this day, I wonder just how big that fish was. If your cheap hook doesn't bend while fighting a fish, it's a sure bet it will when you attempt to twist it out of the fish's mouth. Let's face it; there's no hook for blackfishing but the Virginia, so buy a pack before you go out. It will save you a lot of frustration.

The preferred bait of the Port Jefferson area is fiddler crabs with green crabs a second choice. To bait up, break the large claw off the crab and insert the point of your hook into the exposed socket. Now turn your hook back and pop it out one of the leg sockets. If the crab is small, you may have to expose the hook through the rear. Be sure the barb clears the shell to ensure hooking.

Blackfish usually signal their interest in your bait through a series of light taps. It's important not to try to set the hook upon feeling these first inquisitive nibbles. When a tog decides to take your bait solidly, he will let you know with a downward pull that is decidely stronger than those initial taps. Give these fish a chance to get your bait past those large front teeth before attempting to set the hook.

Keep in mind that blackfish have extremely strong mouths, so set that hook with authority once you decide it's time. Upon hookup, remember to keep your rod held high to prevent that tog from diving back among the rocks where he's sure to tangle your line. Blackfish are one of the toughest inshore species you'll encounter, so be prepared to duel with this worthy adversary.

Scores of 20 to 30 fish are fairly routine in the Port Jeff area. As mentioned already, most fish range one to four pounds; however, fish up to 12 pounds are a possibility, so bring along a net.

As high scores are common, there is a tendency for anglers to occasionally keep more fish than they really need. Please don't bring home 50 fish if you plan to use 40 of them as fertilizer. If you're catching well, try to return the smaller ones. Should you find yourself with more fish than you care to clean, consider donating them to a local nursing home. I'm sure the folks there would enjoy the change of diet.

Hopefully, you now have a better understanding of where to go and how to do it around Port Jefferson. Blackfish are good fighters and make excellent table fare. The time to catch them is now—so GO FOR IT!

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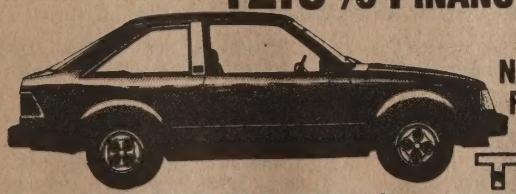
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FISHING STATION BLUES

by Matt Ahern

All is not roses for those who run the Island's numerous fishing stations, despite what you might think.

Most fishermen using the facilities of a fishing station never consider its operation. Should it be given a passing thought, it's likely to be only of innocent envy. The hustle and bustle on a beautiful summer morning is duly noted and the thought is: "What a racket this guy's got. He's got it made!"

I'll tell you the truth, that's what I used to think, too, until a series of interviews with various fishing station owners made me see things in a different light. I came away convinced the average fisherman wouldn't consider changing places for one day if he but knew what often goes on behind the universally accepted scene of placidly bobbing skiffs and calm, peaceful, sun-soakeds boat liveries.

It takes a special kind of willingness to take a beating from Nature; and from bait suppliers who seem always to be involved in labor strikes at the most crucial times; plus the idiosyncrasies of a few big-hearted, happy-go-lucky, but occasionally unthinking fishermen.

And on top of all that, there's the ever-present threat of unforeseen and wrongly forecast spells of bad weather than can cause severe financial setbacks that are likely to set our exasperated friend on the road to the madhouse, or poorhouse—whichever comes first.

The station owner can do nothing about the vagaries of Nature. The problem with suppliers, perhaps, but with the erring fisherman hope forever springs eternal. But alas, that's all it is: hope. The child-like soul of fishermen being of sterner stuff, none of the annoyances which prove to be thorns in the side of this enterprising businessman are ever maliciously intended. But this doesn't make it any easier.

Take a typical station owner, for example. During the fishing season, he expects to get in the sack late and rise before dawn seven days a week. The first thing he does upon rising is check the weather. The report for three previous days promised a beautiful, fair weekend. But what's that unexpected drip, drip, drip from the roof? As if he didn't know. There goes the weekend.

What about those extra flats of blood and sand worms ordered on the strength of that forecast? Maybe by tomorrow, with luck, the rain will stop. (Although in his heart he knows it won't.) Hopefully the sun will shine, and maybe he'll move most of his bait. And if the rain doesn't stop in time? Well...there isn't much demand for tired worms, especially at today's prices. Get out the red ink, kid.

This boat rental customer appears pretty happy about the services provided by fishing stations—by at what cost to the owner.

Maybe it's the height of the fluke season. Fluke are all over the bay. Killies are getting scarcer and more expensive by the hour, but the big bait-box overboard at the end of the pier has at least one hundred quarts held in readiness for the customers he knows will be piling in at daybreak. But the violent thunderstorm during the night took care of the bait. When he opens the bait-box cover, his fears are justified: all but a few lonely survivors are floating belly-up. Severe thunderstorms are murder on trapped killies. Reach for the red ink, again.

But it isn't just bait problems that drive this gentle soul up the wall. The mortality rate on anchors, oars, oarlocks, and propeller shear pins is high, indeed. Especially anchors.

"Yeah, Skip, we saw that cable crossing sign, but honest, we anchored at least a quarter-mile from it. Didn't we, fellers? See. Must have been a sunken boat down there. We couldn't budge it. Besides, that anchor line must have been rotten, anyway."

Goodbye profit from that rental.

Here's another typical example of what station owners learn to live with:

"Years ago," says one station owner, "we used to tow the boys out to the hot fishing spots. We'd make

arrangements for picking them up at certain times. Sure, it was kind of a bother, but we had to do it to keep our trade.

"We seldom do it any more, but last fall one fellow asked me to tow him out and return for him at noon sharp because he had a wedding or Bar Mitzvah, or something going. I went back for him in plenty of time, but there's no boat. I searched the creeks, and all the local areas I thought he might be, but I drew a blank.

"Near closing time, with just a few boats out, I figure I better call the Coast Guard. Then I spotted this boat coming in, the same one I rented to my absent fisherman, but there's a different guy in it.

"What happened was my fisherman had decided to come in early instead of wating for me to come out. My kid had rented the boat immediately upon its return, and then he'd gone in his own boat to rake mussels.

"Well, anyway, a couple of weeks later this guy shows again and I call him on it. 'Gee', he says, 'I'm sorry about that, but I thought you saw me coming back. The fishing was slow and I decided to come in early. I got some guy going past to tow me in. Besides, didn't you notice my car was gone'?

"Now I ask you, I never saw this fellow before, and I've got 20 to 30 cars parked around here most weekends. How could I know which was his? All he had to do was make sure I knew he was back and everything would have been all right. Instead, he put me through the wringer."

But it isn't only thoughtless fishermen who cause concern, some skiff fishermen seem to have a natural affinity for shallow-water bars, like flies to honey.

Immediately east of Bradley's old fishing station in Hampton Bays is a well-known sand bar. This bar, being buoyed, anyone would think it'd be the least cause of trouble. Hah!

"You should see that bar when it's exposed on low water," says one local motel owner close-by. "After a summer weekend, it looks like freshly plowed farmland. Local fishermen know the bar is there and they never have trouble, but those others... Every strange skiff fisherman seems to want to leap across it. It's really something to see."

And so it goes.

Worry to a fishing station operator is the expected thing, and considered part of the job. He's got to roll with the punches the weatherman throws at him at the height of the season. The worry that the fish he's so dependent upon will suddenly decide to seek greener pastures is always there. The constant concern over getting and holding enough bait to satisfy his demanding patrons helps add to the gray hairs.

But his greatest worry is the concern over the welfare of his customers. Let a sudden violent thunder and windstorm come up in late afternoon, and you may be sure there will be lots of heavy-footed pacing going on. No breath of ease is taken until all his fishermen have safely returned.

Most stations have taken to establishing a specific time when all rented boats are expected to return, and signs and notices are conspiculously posted. Occasionally, an isolated fisherman will ignore this request.

"I know the temptation to stay out late is great," says one owner. "Especially when the weather is nice and the fish begin biting later in the day, which sometimes happens. But why does it always happen when I want to get away to catch a good movie? And another thing: how do you know the guy hasn't run into some kind of trouble? In this business you learn not to make too many outside plans."

Now let's get to something a little more serious. Let's put a little light on that bane of all fishing station operators, the characters with larceny in their black hearts.

Years ago when I first began fishing, fishermen could pull into their favorite station, rent their boats, pick up bait, and go. No deposit or car registration was ever requried. But then the light-fingered sharpies began moving in. These characters aren't fishermen, of course. Perish the thought that any real fisherman would ever lower himself so. But these larcenous thieves do put on a good act.

But let my long-time friend Bill Zohler, owner of a large operation on an upstate freshwater lake tell you about it. You can apply his comments to most any saltwater livery.

"I've been catering a good many years to fishermen," says Bill. "And in all those years, I've never come across a dishonest fisherman. I still haven't—which must mean something for us guys. But one day, two so-called fishermen show up, pay the rental fee, and pick out a boat with a brand-new motor, throw some tackle in and take off. And that's the last I saw of them and the motor.

"Whether they came in a car, I don't know, but the next day we found the boat at the upper end of the lake. No motor—and I'm out six hundred bucks. From then on, I've insisted on a car registration, or no boat."

It takes a lot of boat rentals to make up the loss of a six hundred dollar outboard motor; therefore, when a station operator asks for proof as to who you are, you should feel no slur is intended as to your honesty. The poor livery man is trying to make an honest living, even as you and I; he's got to protect himself the best way he can. It's a sign of the times and there's nothing personal involved.

So next weekend when you rent a skiff for some flounder fishing, or whatever, consider the trials and tribulations the owner is heir to and help make his day a little easier.

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AUTUMN AT CHOLERA

by Greg Nisito

Big blues play host to New York Bight anglers during late autumn at this well known hot spot.

"I've got a pick-up," Tom enthusiastically announced within seconds of dropping the first bait into the water.

"Okay! Hit him! Hit him!" I yelled as I hurriedly prepared the chum bucket.

"I'm in," Tom grunted, rearing back sharply. Seeing his light bait casting rod doubled over and line peeling off the reel's spool confirmed that fact.

"Just take your time. Don't allow any slack line and don't touch the drag," I instructed encouragingly.

"But there isn't much line left on the spool," Tom nervously answered, watching the line melt away.

"Don't worry, he'll slow down and you'll get the line back. Just keep steady pressure on him," I said while clipping the lanyard to the chum bucket and tossing the can of ground bunker over the side, starting our chum slick. I quickly dashed over to my pre-rigged spinning rod, threaded on a couple of large spearing and cast the bait out behind the boat into the slick. I then pulled another thirty feet of line off the spool, allowed it to float on the water, flipped over the bail and placed the rod in the aft corner rod holder.

"I've got him coming toward me now," Tom proclaimed triumphantly as he hastily cranked the precious ten pound test back on the spool.

Meanwhile, I readied the gaff in a convenient location against the gunwale.

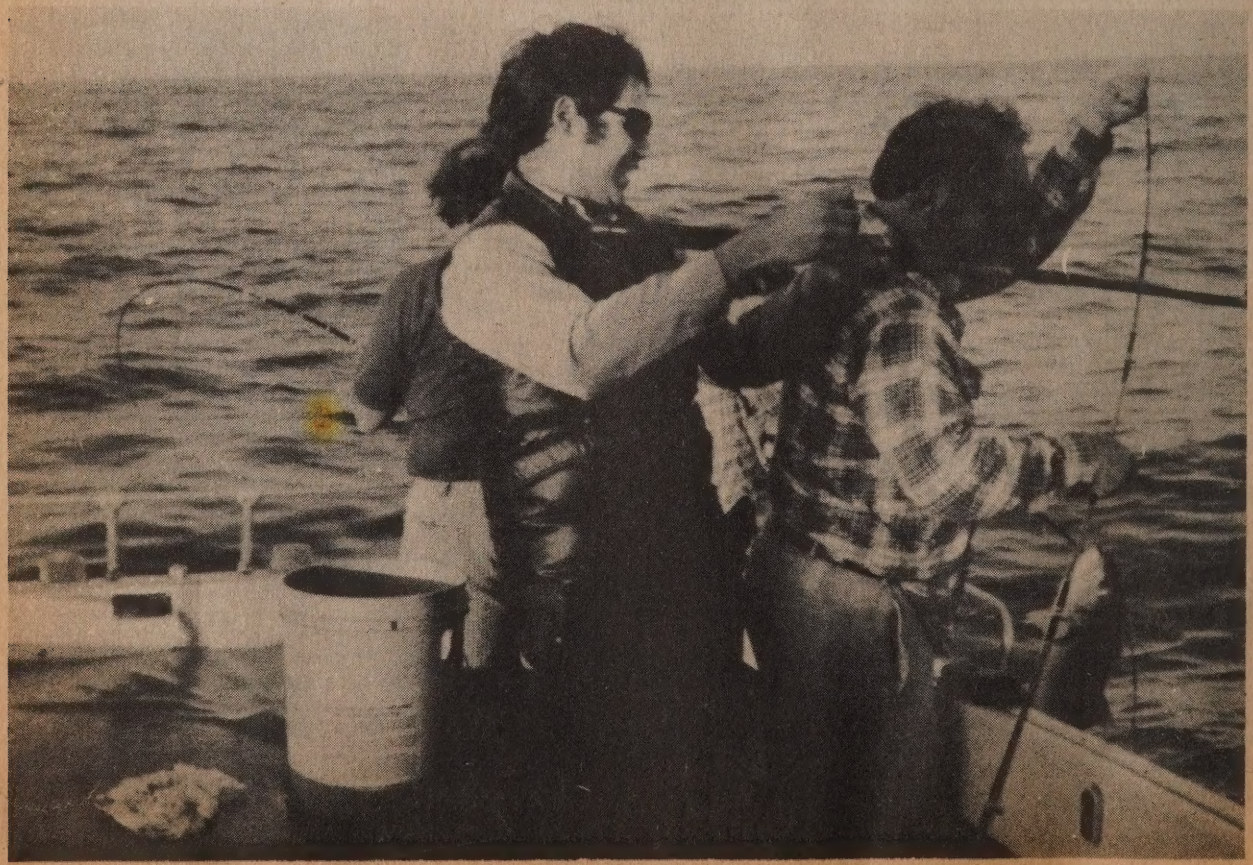
"It will be a give-and-take battle for awhile. Tell me when you can see the flash of your fish under the boat," I said continuing with my cockpit duties.

Now it was time to slice the half frozen mackerel into bait-sized chunks. Taking one of these scrumptious looking baits, I proceeded to hook it on to another pre-rigged bait cast outfit and flip it out the side opposite the spinning rod.

"He's up, Greg," Tom announced as I placed the rod in the rod holder with one hand and grabbed the gaff with the other.

"Good going, Tom. Just gently lift him a few feet closer to me," I said, seeing the blackish/blue and silver hulk slowly rising about six feet under the surface. The fish was obviously exhausted from the ten minute battle and an easy target for the gaff. Tom lifted as I carefully reached the gaff over the fish's body and drove it into the blue's enormous head.

"Open the cooler," I requested, while hoisting 16 pounds of well rounded, full bodied bluefish aboard. As Tom tried to work his hook out of the fish's jaw, I excused myself and headed toward the now slowing, dipping spinning rod. By the time I



Action can be hectic in the chum slick. If you look closely, you'll see four anglers are hooked up at the same time.

reached it the reel was screaming and I was fast into another tussler.

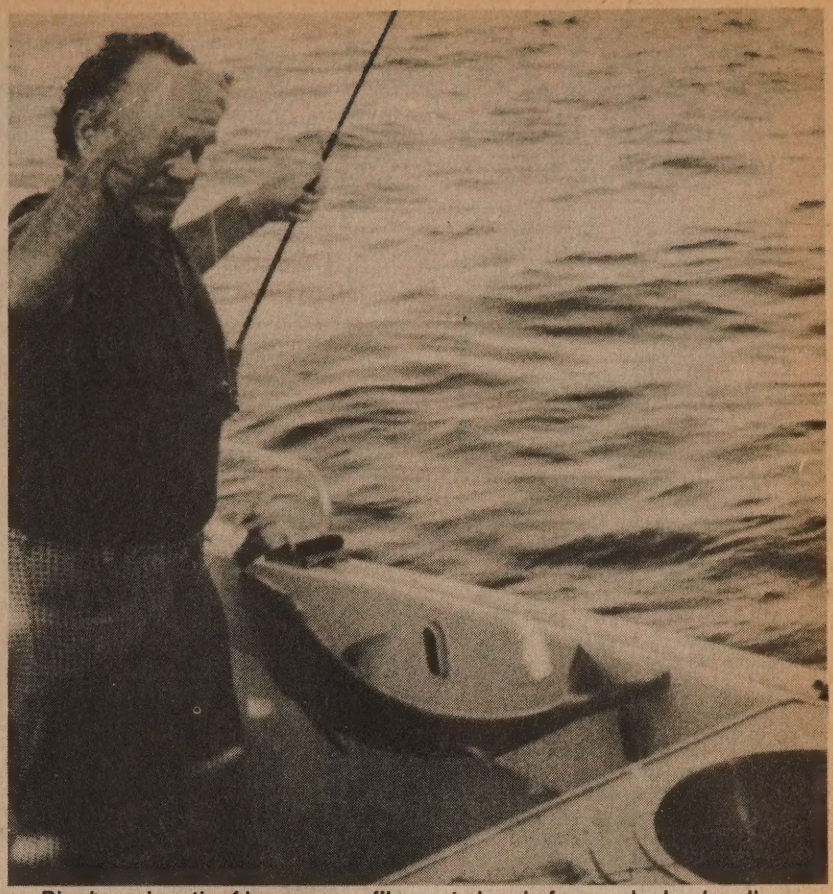
"What action!" Tom was excited.

"Fun, isn't it?" I replied. "Don't stop now, we need another bait in the water and clear the cockpit."

Tom just shook his head in amazement as he prepared another bait and began organizing the equipment. The action was to continue at this hectic pace for a solid two hours.

This scene is not a once in a lifetime experience. As a matter of fact, it is quite common when one anchors their boat over the Cholera Banks in late autumn. The Cholera Banks more commonly referred to as just "Cholera" or "The Rocks" by Long Island's south shore locals, is a haven for migrating bluefish. It is located about eight miles south of Jones Inlet, New York in approximately 80 feet of water. There, fertile fishing grounds are often shared with boats from as far east as Fire Island Inlet and as far south as central New Jersey. On a nice weekend day in the fall Cholera is not a very difficult place to find, due to its seemingly ever present fleet of boats. One cannot depend on the fleet on weekdays, days of inclement weather, early in the morning or very late in the afternoon even though these times often produce the best fishing.

If you own a Loran, then naturally you will have no problem finding Cholera. NOAA chart #12326 clearly labels the general area with the words Cholera Bank and Loran numbers can be interpolated off the chart. For those not fortunate enough to own a Loran, the old reliable compass, wristwatch and depth recorder will do. I personally fish Cholera quite often on my 17 foot Boston Whaler with 70 hp Evinrude. Naturally, conditions have to be completely favorable to go that distance in the little boat. Heading out of Jones Inlet, I set my watch when adjacent to the tip of the east jetty. I then head the boat due south and maintain a speed of 4000 RPM. Under those conditions, I will see the lobster pot flags that often mark "The Rocks" in 23 to 25 minutes. Then it is just a matter of flipping on the Lowrance Grey Line Recorder and looking around for fish and a good irregular piece of bottom. Don't be surprised if fish and good rough bottom are found right among the lobster pots. Unfortunately, anchoring the boat here would be quite risky, as you could easily snag one of the lines connecting the pots. It would then be extremely difficult, if not impossible to retrieve your anchor at the end of a day's fishing. The wiser captain would instead zigzag around the area slowly, keeping a sharp eye on the recorder looking for a high mound of rocks with some bottom marks of bait and fish. When a good spot is located, slowly edge your way up-tide or wind and drop your anchor. Allow the boat to drift back under tension while watching the bottom. When you are directly over the high rough piece of bottom, chock



Rigging a length of heavy monofilament ahead of your wire leader allows you to swing fish up to seven or eight pounds aboard despite the use of light tackle.

up the anchor. I cannot over-emphasize the importance of looking for a good spot to anchor and getting your position correct the first time. Once the hook is down and the chum slick established, it's no fun to have to pick up and move over and over again.

As previously mentioned, there will frequently be a large fleet of boats present upon arrival. When sea conditions permit, there may be 100 or more boats in the area, ranging from small outboards to private charter or large open party boats. Courtesy is a must. Move very slowly through the area and avoid passing across someone else's chum slick. Be certain you don't foul another boat's anchor, or end up too close to your neighbor. Think before you drop the hook! I highly recommend giving the party boats a wide berth. These skippers' livelihood depends on their productivity and they do not take kindly to another boat invading their "piece of the rock." Should you get too close, you will surely find yourself victim of plenty of verbal abuse, at the very least.

Once you're securely anchored up, chum and bait preparation begins. In the fall, one can (35 lb. tin) of frozen ground bunker will usually be adequte due to the cool water temperature and slow rate of thawing. To save yourself the trouble and mess of ladling, I suggest you make yourself a chum can holder. This can be done by drilling 1¼ inch holes in a plastic five gallon bucket with tight fitting lid and bridling rope from side to side. Take the can of frozen bunker chum and punch numerous small holes in it with a screwdriver. Invert the can and place it in the chum can holder. Securely snap the plastic lid in place, tie a rope to the bridle and heave the whole assembly over the side. Position the can so that it's just submerged, then fasten it to a cleat or railing. This technique will allow for a continuous, slow release of chum at all times with no fuss and equally important—no mess. When sea conditions are rough, you may find the chum dispersing a little too fast for your liking. If this is the case, then tie up the bucket so that it is just above the water line. The pitching of the boat will rhythmically dunk the bucket in the water, slowing down the rate of release of chum. You do not want to chum in excess as this will cause the fish to lay way back in your slick and feed rather than arouse their appetite.

Bluefish are not notably finicky feeders; however, at times, they are selective. I always find it worthwhile to bring a variety of baits. My favorite baits are fresh bunker or herring. If fresh bait is not available, then my preferences lean toward freshly frozen mackerel, large spearing, butterfish, bunker, herring and smelt in that order. Each bait must be

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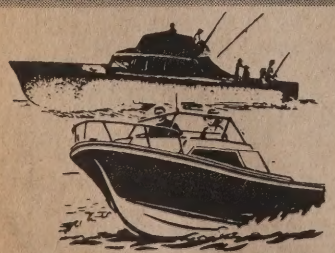

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prepared and hooked properly to assure a natural presentation to the fish. Large whole baits such as mackerel, bunker, herring and some butterfish should be cut into easily swallowable pieces. Start just behind the head and using a sharp knife, cut diagonal pieces about 1½ inches wide. I don't use the head for bait, but do chop it into small chunks and toss them into the chum slick. These cut baits and whole small butterfish should be hooked just once through the dorsal side, making sure the point and barb are fully exposed with no scales sticking to the point. Large spearing and smelt should be threaded on the hook. Start the hook in the bait's open mouth and thread it through the body and out the side. Then take a smaller spearing and add it by hooking it once through the eyes.

To get the maximum sport out of these alligators, anglers can use relatively light tackle. Cholera is ideally suited to the light wands and small reels because it is virtually obstruction free. Since the fish don't usually dig for the bottom, the only thing to be careful of is the anchor line running off the bow. Please note that this tackle should be used on private boats only. A crowded party boat is no place for light tackle. The perfect outfit consists of monofilament testing between 10 and 15 pounds spooled on either spinning or bait casting gear. For saltwater bait casting, the Shakespeare Ugly Stik Model BWC-1120 in six or seven foot lengths and matched with the Sigma Supra Model 2900-080 or 2900-084 is ideal. Spinning outfits could be any quality six to seven foot medium to medium heavy rod with matching ball bearing reel capable of holding 200 to 250 yards of 10 to 15 pound test mono. The terminal rig is a composite of 30 inches of 50 pound leader connected via an Albright knot to 12 inches of #7 Malin stainless steel single strand wire of 69 pound test. Attach to the wire via the haywire twist a bronzed extra short shanked hook (Mustad #94150 or Wright McGill #118, size 6/0 or 7/0) which has been carefully sharpened with a jeweler's file. On the opposite end, tie on a small black swivel to the 50 pound leader. To complete the rig, squeeze a #5 pinch-on sinker about six inches below the swivel. This rig is especially durable for a few reasons. The 12 inches of wire allows for those fish that swallow the bait deeply. The 30 inches of 50 pound leader resists nicks from the pinch-on sinker as well as other fish picking at pieces of chum that may fall near the leader. In addition, fish to seven or eight pounds can be easily lifted aboard by grabbing the leader. This keeps the bloody mess of gaffing every fish to a minimum while assuring prime quality fillets.

The technique of feeding a bait out into the chum slick is a relatively easy one. Drop the baited hook into the water and peel about one foot of line off the free spooled reel. Allow the line to come taut before releasing another one foot of line. This will keep your bait moving naturally into the slick. Remember to keep the line between your two fingers at all times as you count the number of pulls off the reel. A pick-up will yank the line from your fingers. When this happens keep the number of pulls in mind as line feeds off your free spool. This will give you an idea of how far back the fish are in the slick and about when you could expect your next pick-up. Precisely when to set the hook is the challenging part which requires some experience. If the hit is hard, resulting in line quickly peeling off the spool, you can usually immediately engage the reel, let the line pull tight, and set the hook. If, however, the hit is not quite as dramatic, a "bouncing" of the line will be detected. You must allow a slightly longer feedback time to allow the fish to swallow the bait. The fish may be swimming toward you or just mouthing the bait. Engage the reel and begin reeling slowly. When the line comes tight, hit him hard. This nibbling and "bouncing" of the line will often occur when the tide is slow or the fish not particularly active. If you have reached 200 pulls without a pick-up, it is time to reel in and start again. When the boat is uncrowded, you may want to put out a dead stick. I usually cast this bait out far behind the boat and make it the furthest bait out before engaging the reel and putting the outfit in the rod holder.

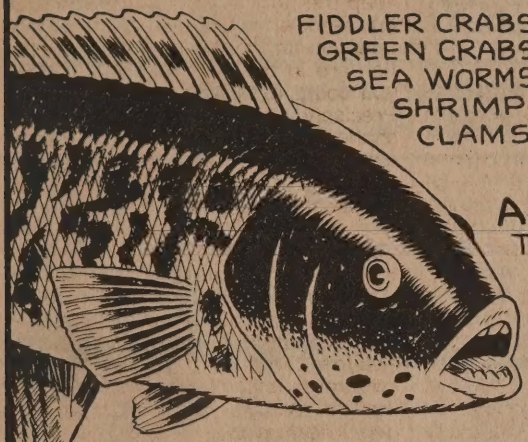
For sheer enjoyment and consistency, this type of fishing is hard to beat. The Cholera Banks seems to be a virtual Mecca for large bluefish on their southward migration. Apparently the rocky bottom, chock-full of bergalls, ling, blackfish and assorted other bottom feeders, is hard to resist. The blues stop to fill their bellies for the long swim ahead. Constant chumming both day and night by the numerous boats certainly helps to keep the migrating blues in the area until the cooling water temperature forces them southward. Generally, these bluefish will be in good supply through the middle or end of November, at which time the dogfish begin taking over. Boat traffic drops dramatically in November as anglers begin searching for cod. Keep a close eye on the weather in the late fall, as sea conditions have a tendency to build quickly at this time of year.

A quick look at the 1983 IGFA Book of World Record Game Fishes shows that three record bluefish came from the Cholera Banks in October. The men's 4 lb. class (16 lbs. 4 oz. by Jim Altschul); the women's 12 lb. class (18 lbs. by Sally Sheperd Moss), and the women's 16 lb. class (16 lbs. 1 oz. by Blanche Goodman). That is three out of 16 possible records or 19 percent of all bluefish records came from this small spot out of the entire range of the bluefish. This proves to me that if you can brave the weather and like to catch big blues on light tackle, then Cholera is the place to be when the leaves begin to fall.

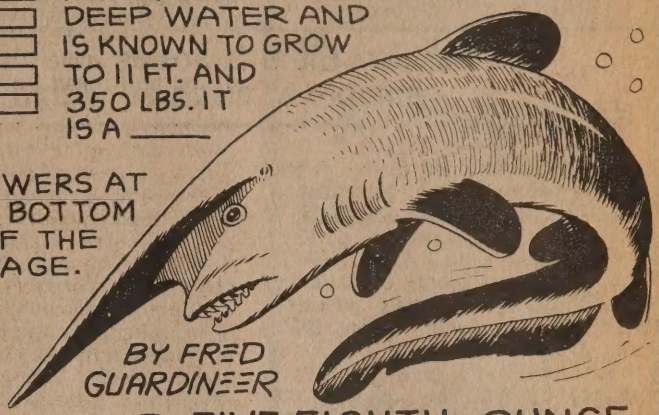
THE FISHERMAN QUIZ

(1) WHICH OF THESE BAITS WILL CATCH BLACKFISH ?

FIDDLER CRABS ☐
GREEN CRABS ☐
SEA WORMS ☐
SHRIMP ☐
CLAMS ☐



(2) IDENTIFY THIS VERY RARE PRIMITIVE SHARK WHOSE SNOUT IS SHAPED LIKE A LONG FLAT BLADE. IT IS WIDELY DISTRIBUTED IN VERY DEEP WATER AND IS KNOWN TO GROW TO 11 FT. AND 350 LBS. IT IS A ____



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BY FRED GUARDINEER

(3) DOES A WILD TURKEY USE ITS SENSE OF SMELL TO DETECT A HUNTER ? YES ☐ NO ☐

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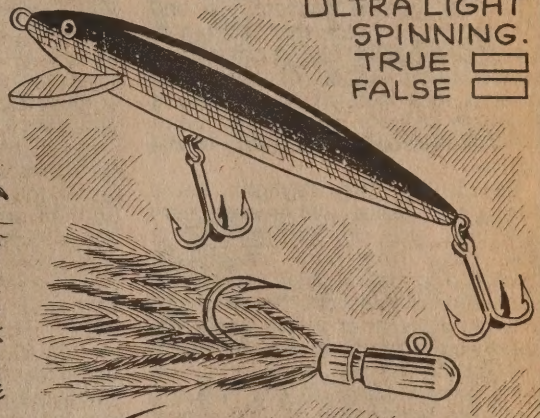
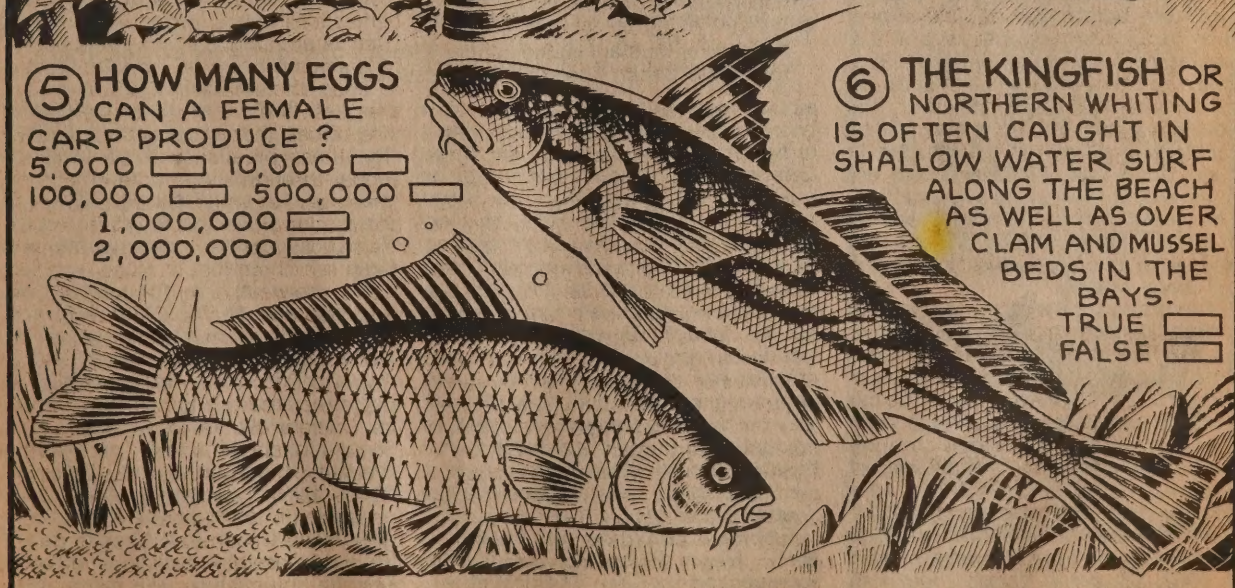
TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐



(5) HOW MANY EGGS CAN A FEMALE CARP PRODUCE ?

5,000 ☐ 10,000 ☐
100,000 ☐ 500,000 ☐
1,000,000 ☐
2,000,000 ☐

(6) THE KINGFISH OR NORTHERN WHITING IS OFTEN CAUGHT IN SHALLOW WATER SURF ALONG THE BEACH AS WELL AS OVER CLAM AND MUSSEL BEDS IN THE BAYS.
TRUE ☐
FALSE ☐



1 - ALL OF THEM. 2 - GOBLIN SHARK. 3 - NO. HOWEVER THE TURKEY'S SIGHT AND HEARING ARE AMAZINGLY ACUTE AND WHEN HUNTING THIS BIRD IT REQUIRES MORE THAN ORDINARY PATIENCE AND SKILL. 4 - FALSE. THEY ARE TOO HEAVY. 5 - 2,000,000 EGGS. 6 - TRUE, AND ITS A DELICIOUS FISH.

EASY ACCESS SURF SPOT

by Herb Buch

Parking Field 6, Jones Beach is another of the jewels available to surfmen within the State Park system.

Beaches that are open to the public for surf fishing are not common on Long Island. Even more unusual is a beach that has plenty of parking space, requires only a short walk to the surf, and has plenty of room for fishing. You are probably guessing Jones Beach or Robert Moses State Parks. They are both good, but Jones is much closer to the great majority of surfcasters in the New York City and Nassau County areas, and the fishing can be just as good. In my opinion, parking field six at Jones has a lot to offer in the way of convenience, and the amount of beach that is open to fishing. It not only merits your consideration for all of the above reasons, but most of all because it produces stripers, weaks, and blues for both the serious angler and the novice.

Except for the daylight hours during hot weather, when swimmers take over, you can baitfish a short walk away from your car in the comfort of a folding chair, or you can cast lures as you work the beach for miles to the east or to the west. The beach here is all sand, and it stretches to Tobay on the east, or as far as you could want to walk in the opposite direction. Sand beaches, like almost everything, have advantages and disadvantages. You do not snag sinkers, hooks or lines. You will not slide off an algae covered rock. However, the hotspot which you find in May can be completely wiped out by a storm in June. Sand bars, holes and cuts are built and destroyed by wave action. The easiest way to learn any beach is to study it at the bottom of the lowest tide, such as we get during new and full moon phases.

The beach profile at six is basically a moderate slope to a shallow, narrow cut and then a slight rise onto a fairly wide bar which tapers down into deeper water. In certain spots, the cut deepens and widens from one or both directions and then breaks through the bar forming a run-out. Many of these run-outs form, but only a very few are deep and fast enough to be good fish holders. There was one such run-out right in front of the bathhouse in 1982. On many days it held fish right through low water.

The average fisherman out for a bit of relaxation will walk down to the surf, set up his sand spike, rig up, and proceed to fish without thinking about it. Because of the structure found

A young enthusiast slides ashore a freshly gaffed blue for a friend. That's the Jones Beach Tower in the background.

along most of this beach, there are two time periods that are most likely to be productive. They are the three or four hours bracketing either high or low water. During either of these periods the caster has water of good depth available within easy casting distance. During mid-tide, you have to swing a long line to get past the bar, and even then you may not reach out far enough. By waiting until the tide is almost out you can wade out onto the bar and fish right through the beginning of the flood tide. Do not stay out too long because you have to navigate the gully to get back to the beach. Be particularly careful near a run-out because the gully and cut are deeper there.

Fishing here begins in late April or early May depending upon the weather and the fish. The first objective is one of those rare specimens, a schoolie striper, like the ones that used to be so common at this time of year. There are still a few taken each spring, and perhaps this year will see an increase in their numbers. The Hudson River has been producing large numbers of stripers, but they have not been hitting these beaches; at least not during the spring. However, those early spring days are always an invitation to try the surf. Pick up a couple of dozen worms and head for the beach.

My favorite rig for early bass involves a small (size 1 or 1/0) bait holder hook on a two to three foot leader of 20 pound test mono. This is rigged, fish finder style, behind a pyramid sinker ranging from two to four ounces depending upon the surf. The point of the hook is pushed through the mouth of the worm and down about one-half inch before bringing the point out of the worm's side. Now slide it up the hook toward the eye so that the bait holding barbs keep it in position. The worm now hangs in a straight line, and can undulate its body like a free swimming specimen. Cast it out as far as you can and wait. After awhile, reel it in about 25 feet and wait some more. Repeat this right up to the beach. A sand

spike is convenient for holding the rod between moves. Alternatively, you could fish two rods: one bait far out, one in close. Remember to loosen the drag when the rod is in the spike. Most spring bass are small but once in awhile a big one comes along. If crabs are troublesome, place a cork on your leader.

Some time during the month of May, the presence of bluefish becomes a possibility, and they will be in and out for the rest of the season. Now, it would be a good idea to rig one rod with a short wire leadered bluefish hook, about 2/0, on three inches of dull brown wire with a small black swivel. This can be baited with small pieces of cut bunker or mackerel. The presence of early season blues along the beach is very erratic. You can hit them one day and miss for many weeks.

May is also the time that lures begin to take fish. Now the man who likes to work for his fish will begin to enjoy life. Small tins would be my selection for both dawn and dusk under most conditions. They can be cast a long distance with a light outfit, and they are attractive to all game fish. Working a tin right along the bottom was an effective tactic long before the advent of the sand eel glut. It is now even more likely to be productive. When the winds are light, and the surf is calm, small swimming plugs can be very good in the half light periods or at night. This pattern will produce occasional fish right through the summer and into early fall. Do not expect fast fishing, but there will be occasional action, and once in awhile a school of fish will shake you up.

Night fishing with bait during this time period can offer better results at times. There is nothing consistent, but sometimes sand worms or cut bait will produce weaks, bass, or blues. The trophy hunter will use big chunks of fresh bunker or live eels for the occasional large bass that frequents the beach.

Fall is the best time of the year for the surf caster. Action usually picks up sometime during September when mullet and snappers begin to move out of the bays. Last year produced excellent fishing for many weeks, but later than usual. A large shoal of sand eels settled in along the beach, and every kind of game fish was present. It was mainly daylight action which made it easier for everyone. On October 17th, strong northwest winds were blowing. The beach had been quiet, and offshore winds are not usually good, but we decided to check the beach anyway. The surf was fairly calm but clean and there were lots of people carrying fish off the beach. The action had started at about high water in the early morning and was slacking off. We came back for the evening and everyone got fish. Bluefish of mixed sizes predominated, but there were some weakfish of about eight pounds in size and some smaller stripers. It was no blitz, but the action was steady and spread all up and down the beach. From that day onward for about a month there was action just about daily. It began with tins, but later bait began to take real gorilla blues and lures were producing mainly smaller fish.

Many very large blues were taken on bait that was fished within 50 feet of the sand, an easy cast for a beginner. This occurred principally in the morning or evening when the fish roamed the cut near the shore. Fishermen without waders or boots were into fish. It also happened during the day, when the surf was very heavy and onshore winds made long casts impossible.

The most productive lures were tins, although a few fish were taken on plugs. Hopkins, Kastmasters, Pasquale keeled tins, and diamond jigs all worked. Weight depended upon the kind of wind that you had to contend with. Diamond jigs and Hopkins' cast very well, but they have one drawback. The hooks on them often dig into the bottom in swimming over bars, and the point is quickly dulled. My choice would be the keeled tins or Kastmasters. The largest fish that I saw taken on an artificial was lured to a three ounce Banana Split with a green tube. Don't jump to conclusions, it was not a best lure or even a consistent one to my knowledge.

For those who are not familiar with the area you can take either the Northern or Southern State Parkways and turn south on either the Meadowbrook or Wantagh Parkways. Both of these roads will take you down to the Ocean Parkway of Jones Beach State Park. Drive east on the Ocean Parkway and in a very short time you will see the entrance to parking field six on your right. During a good part o the season you will have to pay a toll at the causeway leading to the beach and present your ticket on entering the parking field. No toll is charged before eight in the morning or after four in the afternoon, but unless you have a fishing permit you cannot use the field during the hours of darkness. Permits were available free from the park administrative office during the winter and early spring. If you do not have one, next winter bring in your car registration and get one for next year. It allows you to fish all night if you wish, either here or at several other beaches. Watch The Fisherman for notices about when you can apply. As a result of this slight inconvenience, you are assured of a clean, quiet, safe place to park and fish, as the fields are supervised.

As a final note, forget about fishing during the daytime for the duration of the swimming season. Although it is allowed east of the regular swimming area, there are many people who like to swim way down the beach. Just remember that you have the beach to yourself all night and into the morning, which are usually the best times during the hot weather. For the rest of the season, you have miles of open beach to enjoy.

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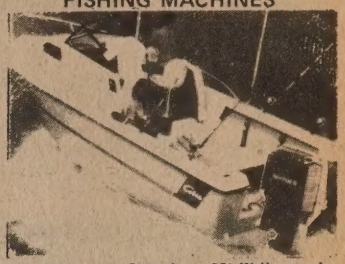
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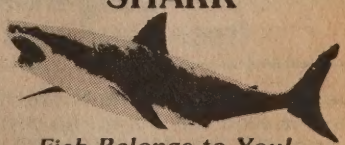
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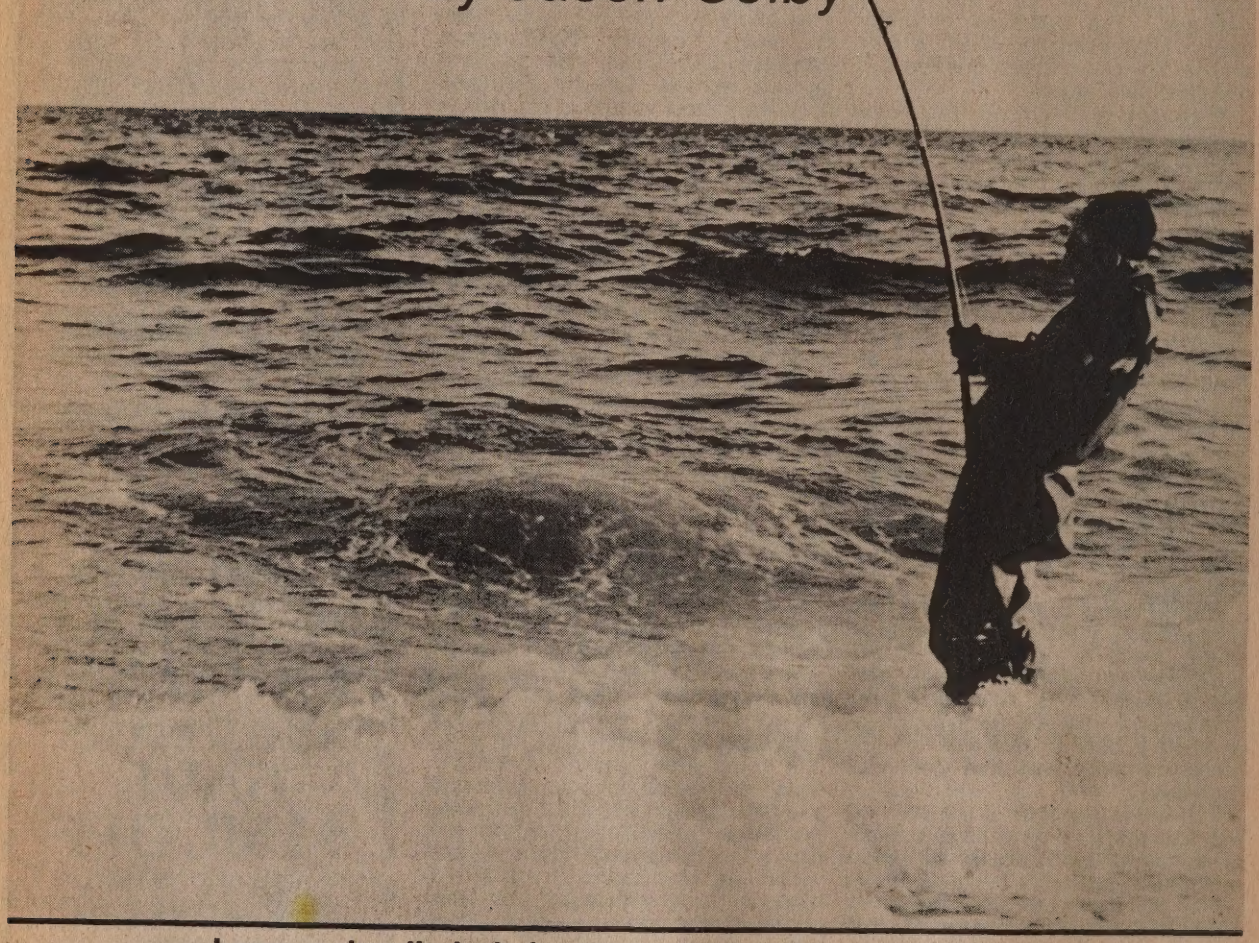

Long a deadly bait for Cape Cod stripers and blues, fresh sand eels are no less effective on Long Island's beaches.

It was a mid-October late afternoon and the wind was out of the west. I approached the deep water slough that I had seen from the road; it just looked so good, there had to be bass. I put down my pail and embedded my sandspikes, then snapped on my sinkers. Birds were diving on bait for as far as the eye could see in either direction. I reasoned that there had to be bass picking up after all those bluefish everyone was catching.

On the way to my spot, everyone was hauling small blues on tin—nobody was fishing fresh bait. I sharpened my hooks, impaled my bunker chunks (snagged the previous night in the Jones Beach area) and cast my conventional first, then set it in the spike. I like to fish that one "locked-up" as the bass usually hook themselves and the blues usually get away—and I didn't want bluefish. I was just settling into a comfortable stance to hold my spinning stick when my heavy rod took a little jump: bluefish. It happened a couple more time before he got the chunk off. I got hit next on the spinning rod and let the fish swallow the bait before setting up. The bluefish quickly bit my hook off.

Tired and frustrated, I started to reel in my conventional when the big 9/0 Siwash I use dug right into the sand, thus making it about 50 times more difficult to reel in. Much to my surprise. I found that a big, fat, and very fresh sand eel had the misfortune of being impaled on my hook. As far as I could see, this spelled OPPORTUNITY. Digging through my pail, I came up with the ingredients for a "Cape Cod style" sand eel-bass rig and hastily tied it up (it's really nothing but an overgrown "pompano rig" with two 6/0 beaks).

I drafted my 11½ foot spinning

stick for the job (it didn't have a hook anyway) and put my sand eel on the top hook and a small bunker chunk on the bottom. The whole mess was chucked out and the rod spiked. I then went on to casting my conventional with a bare hook and intentionally dragging it through the sandy bottom like a one-pronged sand eel rake. Three casts and five sand eels later (two double-headers!), my spinning rod took a deep bend and its drag screamed wildly. Finally!

The bass broke water about a hundred yards out, then dove off with another 50 feet of line. Eventually the fish gave up and was flopping around in the wash—the top hook firmly stuck in the bony corner of her mouth. Why hadn't someone tried this here before? Two more 30s that evening proved to me it wasn't a fluke.

Now I had their number, I couldn't miss; at least not for the rest of the fall...right? Wrong! The next morning haul seiners had set around the entire area I was fishing. As curious as I was to see all the bass, I didn't hang around for them to get the net in. I drove right for the Ditch Plains area where it's too rocky for haul seiners. I spotted three gill nets as soon as I stepped onto the beach. I felt safer with them than the haul seiners though, and proceeded to cast my bare hook into the surf.

The day before, the guys catching small blues saw me come down with bait, then change to the bait I caught. On this day, different bluefish casters were observing an absolute nut casting a bare hook for no apparent reason. I couldn't snag any sand eels and felt very silly standing among 20 guys blitzing small bluefish. I retreated empty-stringered and went home to my boat to think.

After some thought, I realized that the sand eels can't always be thick enough for me to snag. I then remembered what my friend Stuart told me over the summer. Last year about this time, there was someone with a fine mesh fish trap over in Fort Pond Bay who caught huge numbers of sand eels. I questioned friends in town and was directed to Duryea's Lobster House. Bingo! There I found a nice elderly man named Al culling spearing from sand eels—dozens of bushel baskets full!

I acquired a pound of still wiggling beauties for a relatively small financial setback and again took off for Ditch Plains. I heard a few chuckles and whispers as I headed for the deep water just west of the small jetty. Less than five minutes later I was into a good bass. Other casters stopped laughing and started asking questions. Can I have some sand eels for my son (of course); he's never caught a bass before.

For the next month I had frequent two or three fish days, not all the fish were big though and I got skunked plenty. What I really learned from all this though, is if the bass want sand eels, why go to untold trouble to feed them bunker?

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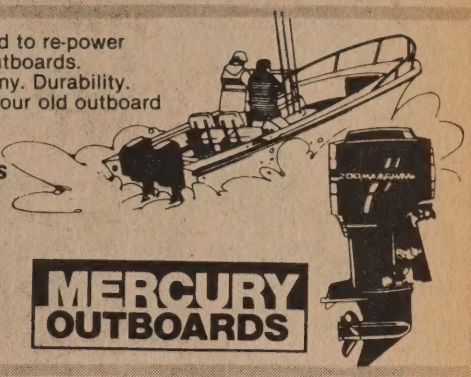

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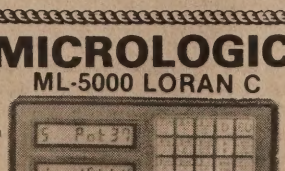

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FIRE ISLAND TAUTOG SPOTS

by Dr. Einar F. Grell

Great South Bay blackfish provide plenty of good action under relatively sheltered conditions. Finding them is the key.

"Hey, Doc! With all the sandy bottom we have around here, where in the dickens can you catch blackfish?" This is one question that I have been asked many times over and before proceeding with the answer, we must realize that what they eat determines where you will find them. Locations characterized by artificial reefs, mussel beds, jetties, bridge abutments, submerged barges and concrete rip-rap are natural havens for tautogs since these structures provide food in the form of shellfish, crabs and barnacles.

Follow along and I'll take you on my usual tour of blackfish spots in the Fire Island area.

First I would take my boat down to the Coast Guard dock, anchoring off of the eastern corner which projects out into the Great South Bay. This easternmost corner is situated in rather deep water and if you can get your bait down next to the bulkhead itself, you have an excellent chance of catching a good size black. The ebb is preferred for this side, while incoming means anchoring up just to the west of the westernmost sector of the Coast Guard Station dock so that your cast bait will come to rest on the bottom of the submerged supporting columns of the dock. Boats in the 16 to 20 foot size range make it easier to anchor up in this fast moving current. I have caught many large blacks from this location. Do not anchor near the entrance to the Coast Guard Station. It is illegal to do so and the local troops will ask you to leave the area.

If I do not meet with success here, I proceed to the Robert Moses Bridge abutments which I try to anchor as close to as possible. I often throw a buoyed line around one side of the abutment and pick it up on the other side of the bridge. Then, depending upon the current, I tie myself up as close to the bridge structure as possible. If the current is ebbing, I will be snugged up on the western side. If the current is flooding I will be snugged up on the eastern side. I do not advise tying up broadside to these abutments since passing boat wakes can smash your hull against these structures. If you decide to anchor in this bridge location or in any other bridge location for that matter, make sure that before you begin fishing your anchor is secure. Keep your motor running when you are anchoring up on either side of a bridge and **make sure** that your anchor is firmly set.

In fishing the bridge supports of the Robert Moses structure, remember that you have many choice spots to fish. There are eight support columns in all, but I have most of my luck fishing columns Nos. 5 and 6 (counting from the northern end of the bridge). I would recommend staying away from the major support columns of the center span for the simple reason that boat wakes are intensified there.

My next stop would be the Kismet Reef, just a short distance west of Kimset between the Old Fire Island Lighthouse Dock and Kismet itself. About 20 years ago an artificial reef was created here out of thousands of tires filled with concrete. Cinder blocks abound here as well as a pair of small barges. The basic reef consists of the tied-up concreted tires. If you have a depth recorder and a grappling iron you should be able to get hold of a good piece of bottom over which to anchor. The only problem with this reef is that it is overfished by local party boats and anglers too scared to anchor up near bridge stanchions and rock jetties. I have pulled big fish out of here, but have had to make too many moves and spend too much time finding the most productive location. Remember you will always have company on this reef. To move your boat around in an area that abounds with blackfish boats can be a bigger chore than you think. Nevertheless, fish are there and if you want to play the waiting game you will be rewarded.

The rock jetty of the Sore Thumb as well as the Democrat Point jetty has also produced large blackfish. If you are going to fish the Sore Thumb area it is best to fish the eastern side of the jetty. The current is very fast here and it is important that double anchors be employed. Heavy sinkers will also be needed to hold your bait down on the bottom. On the opposite side of Fire Island Inlet, across from the Sore Thumb, there is another jetty which protrudes into the ocean and runs along Democrat Point, terminating inside Fire Island Inlet. There is deep water surrounding the wooden piles at this end of the jetty. It is imperative that you anchor as close as possible to these rocks and the protruding wooden poles. It might even be better if you beached your boat on the little beach at that location and fish directly from the rocks. The same goes for the Sore Thumb area. Remember there is plenty of current in both these locations, so be prepared.

If you have a depth recorder, there are two submerged barges in the Fire Island Inlet area that are worth looking into. One of these is located up Oak Beach Channel just off Oak Beach and the other is about 100 feet southwest of the wreck buoy—WR-2A. This buoy lies due south of Captree Boat Basin on the Fire Island side. It is important at these two sites that you be anchored directly over these submerged barges, otherwise you are wasting your time. There is no room for a fleet of boats here, therefore, it is important that if you are going to fish these spots, you get there early in the day. The submerged barge off Oak Beach is off Wilson's Dock in the channel just west of the Oak Beach Inn. It is not marked with buoys, therefore, it's important that you look for the third big private dock off Oak Beach Channel proceeding west. There is a small lighthouse on this dock. The submerged barge is in 15 to 20 feet of water off this dock. Give it a try. It is also known as Oak Beach Reef.

Another favorite location for catching blacks is beneath the Captree drawbridge. you can fish this area from shore or boat. Many of my small boat friends tie up directly to the abutments beneath the bridge support columns and fish rather secretively, praying that big wakes will not bang up their boats. Stay out of the major channel which is beneath the bascule itself. Some anchor off to the side of this bridge depending upon which way the tide is running and do rather nicely with blacks.

If you desire to fish for blacks in the ocean off Fire Island Inlet, go down the beach to the west and look for the Rota wreck located off of Tobay Beach. It is imperative when anchoring off the wreck that you be aware of wave surge which can lift you up and

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A view of the west side of the Coast Guard dock.

The drawbridge at Captree produces from boat or shore.

Jockeying for position atop the reef at Kismet.

smash you into the exposed skeleton of the wreck. Much of the wreck structure comes very close to the surface and if you are not careful when setting your anchor you could destroy your boat bottom and hang up your motor. If you are in a larger boat, be very cautious and anchor up on the south side of the wreck with two anchors. I have seen more than one large boat hung up on the Rota wreck as a result of not paying attention to the anchoring procedure. If you anchor away from the wreck you will have to cast your blackfish rigs into the wreck itself. Believe me, you will lose plenty of rigs, so bring plenty of extra terminal tackle along.

You will also find blacks under the center spans of the Captree Bridge. Although not as large as those at the Robert Moses Bridge, they are worthy of your effort. There are also several mussel beds in Great South Bay that produce blackfish. One is right across from the old Wa Wa Yanda Club in a drain that runs north and south. This side channel is just east of Snake Hill Channel.

Now that we know where we are going, let's discuss bait and tackle. A six to seven foot medium action rod with a conventional reel will do the job. Reels like the Penn 209, 155 and 500 are good choices. Other companies make similar models.

Purchase a good quality 20 to 30 lb. high quality line that is resistant to abrasion and scratches from rip-rap, barnacles and bottom protuberances. I use Ande 30 lb. test green tournament line for its durability. Remember that in blackfishing your objective in catching them is to get them out of their home as quickly as possible. If they beat you to their underwater dwelling, chances are you will lose them to line abrasion.

Confine your terminal tackle to one hook and keep it simple. Multiple hooks only result in constant tangling with the bottom and frustration. To the end of your 30 lb. test line, tie on a barrel swivel by way of an improved clinch knot. To this swivel I tie on (via an improved clinch knot) a 15 to 30 inch leader of 30 to 40 lb. test line. At the end of this leader I attach my three to eight ounce bank sinker by way of a simple clinch knot. Sinker weight will vary depending on the current. It is imperative that you fish with as little weight as possible for setting the hook on blackfish can be tricky, to say the least. About 10 to 15 inches above the sinker, I make a dropper loop and there I attach a leader of about 15 inches of 30 lb. test line.

Hooks employed as Nos. 4, 5 or 6 Virginias which are nothing more than heavy wire, short-bite hooks that are almost indestructible. If you prefer to use tarred line for your hook leaders, be my guest. In some cases, where there are great amounts of rip-rap below, tarred line is more effective. I use Nos. 4 and 5 Virginias for big blackfish and number sixes for the small to medium size tautogs you're

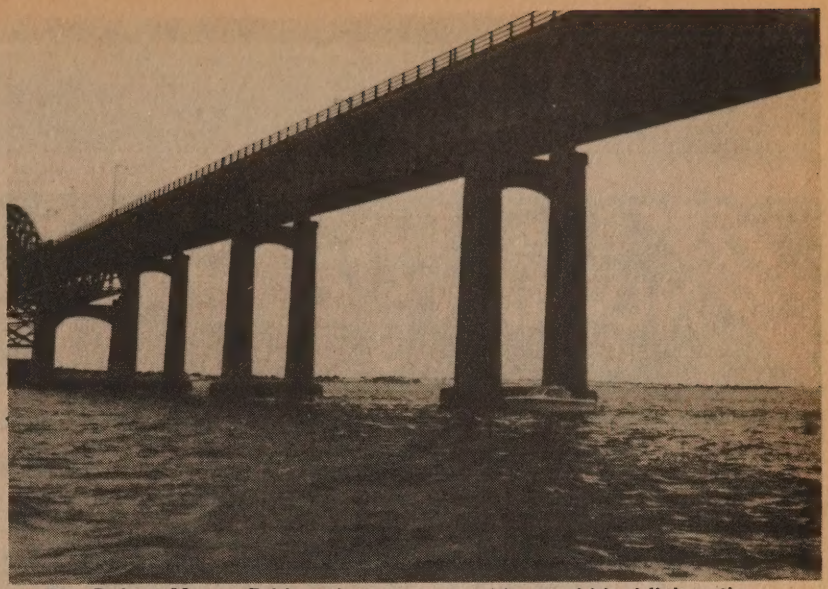
most likely to encounter in this area.

In fishing for blackfish you will soon find out that hooking them and catching them are two entirely separate operations. If you are the nervous type, you will probably never become a good blackfisherman. In order to be successful you should know a little about how your friend eats. Blackfish eat in two stages. First he nibbles with his front buckteeth. This resembles the bite of a bergall, one of the best bait stealers in the business. The only difference in the nibble is that the blackfish nibble and bite packs a little punch. When you feel this first nibble or bite, DO NOT REEL IN AT THIS TIME for the simple reason that you have not allowed the second stage (the blackfish passing on your crab bait to the crushing teeth) to occur. Setting the hook at the first nibble results in a clean loss of bait and a strike out for you. **What you must develop is patience.** You must develop the habit of wating for the second or third bite which should be a solid one. It's here that you must strike quickly and strongly, for this strike almost always results in a hooked fish. Soon as he feels that he has been hooked, "Blackie" heads straight for the bottom and his underwater niche where he can apply tremendous leverage with his rugged compact body and big fins. If he is allowed to return to his lie, he has an excellent chance of breaking off. You must stop him with steady rod pressure and a tightened up drag. If he gains the security of his niche you will undoubtedly lose a rig. Thus, in blackfishing make up at least a dozen rigs as described and learn how to develop the PATIENCE of not setting the hook when he begins to nibble. Some excellent blackfishermen have developed a sixth sense of when to set the hook just after a nibble and just before the solid strike. This procedure is hard to describe, but you will learn it with patience. The procedure described separates the hooker from the catcher and is probably the reason why the patient angler is more productive than the nervous, quick-to-set-the-hook type.

You can use green crabs, fiddlers or calico crabs and I prefer them in just that order. I stay away from all soft baits such as clams and worms for the simple reason that I catch are bergalls with it.

If you use green crabs, cut them in half, remove the top part of the shell, the legs and claws and insert your hook into one of the claw sockets and out through a leg socket with the hook protruding. When using fiddler crabs, allyou do is remove the large claw and stick your hook through the large claw hole and out the rear. The same procedure is followed with calico crabs as with green crabs.

After all is said and done, there is no finer reward than the sweet tasting, white meat fillets of the blackfish. Mr. Tautog is worth the trouble.



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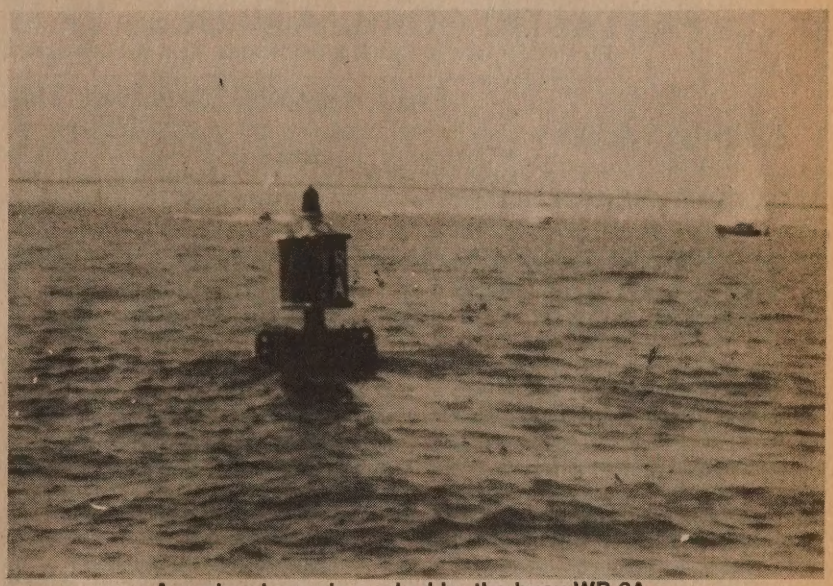

A sunken barge is marked by the buoy WR 2A.

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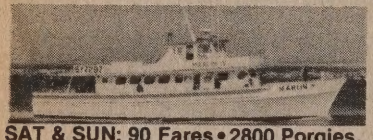

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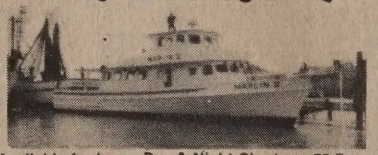

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East End REPORT

with Stu Miller

Tuna, porgies and blues are creating a sensation in this part of the world and show no signs of abating. Light crowds on most of the boats

Mike and Don Fazio, Bob Foster and Vince Gartmayer with some big fluke taken off of the radar dome on the Montauk charter boat "Nostalgia II." Photo courtesy of Gone Fishing Marina.

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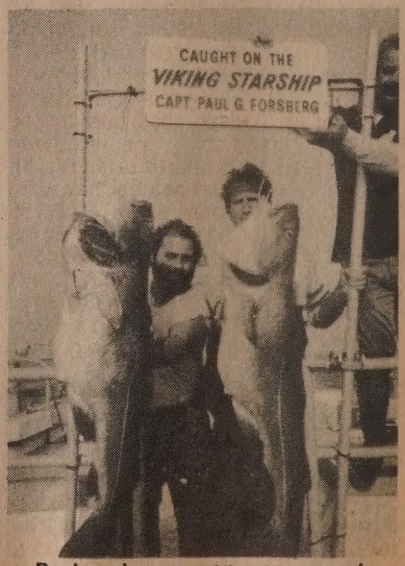
From the charter boat **Julie III** Fred Johnson's Saturday trip for his six-man party hoisted 862 porgies to 2¾ lbs. Sunday's six man charter for the Gil Sainz group totaled 1,146 porgies. High hook was 223 fish up to 3 lbs. 2 oz. Great Eastern and the south side were the scenes of the action, with the fish belting clam bait.

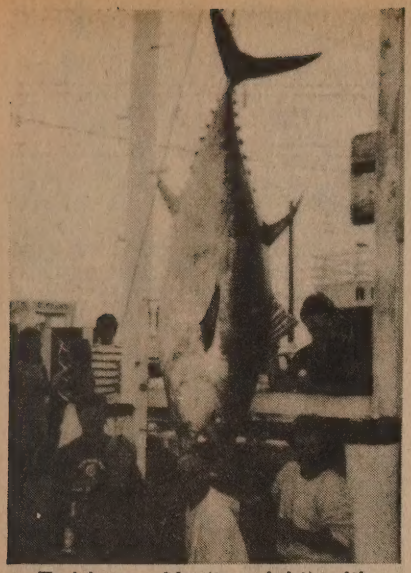
Captain Bud Dorman of the six man open boat **Waxed** tells of red hot porgying up to Saturday. Bud's anglers were easily close to, if not over, 100 lbs. of porgies each. Sunday, Waxed sampled the striped bass season. John Stonitsch, Northport was high hook with one bass, 34 blues (at least another dozen lost) along with two porgies. The **Waxed** is now on an open boat schedule daily for stripers, blues and weaks with diamond jigs the intended weapons.

From the charter boat **Montauk** we learned of Sunday's solid, solid catch of 21 school tuna from 60 to 95 lbs. on both bait and diamond jigs. Hot jigs were Sekoras with bait tails. The place of the action was the southeast corner of Fritzie's Hole. Zillions of blues and just a few bass at the Point. The warm water has produced some catches at the Point of jack crevalle and Spanish mackerel. It appears tha the tuna will continue late into the year. Cartwright maintains its huge schools of big blues and a few blackfish are being picked on the bottom as well.

From Captain Joe McBride of the charter boat **My Mate** also comes word of the tremendous bluefishing at



Pool winners on a recent Georges Bank trip aboard the "Viking Starship," included Don Paterno of New Jersey with a 61 lb. cod and Steve Fallon of Queens with a 54 pounder.



Ted Lazowskie (top right) with the crew of the Montauk charter boat "Adios" and a 938 lb. giant bluefin, one of the largest taken on the East Coast this season.

the Point with 5 to 7 lbers. predominating. A few bass daily at the Point on bucktails or umrellas on wire line. Joe advised he still has a few choice bass dates available. He stressed that there were loads and loads of tuna still out there to be caught.

From **Little Bear and Flying Cloud**, the Point's porgy boats, comes word from Captain Fred Bird that the porgy fishing through Sunday has been superb, the best fall run of big porgies in the last seven years. All local spots around the Point have been hot. Saturday Hank Carter of Philly had 160, while 11-year-old Frank Matthews of the Bronx boated 155. All fares really bagged up something fierce, with 3/4 to 4 lbs. and quite a few sea bass mixed in to 4 lbs. also.

Captain Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** advised that due to the fantastic tuna fishing, he has been concentrating his charters mainly on tuna this week. Best catcher has been butterfish and chum south of Block Island. Jim Noone and party of Eagle Tavern boated 18 tuna from 60 to 100 lbs. Phil said the tuna fishing hasn't been this good in the last 20 years. Trips for Steve Lucini and Yves Hentic, also belted lots of big tuna this week.

From **Gone Fishing Marina**, Maureen Senefelder relayed word from Capt. Bill Ricca of the **Alyssa Ann** of very good porgy fishing at the point. A party headed by Vito Millio on Saturday put over 300 pounds of large porgies in the box. On Sunday, the Paul Schiff party had 500 pounds of porgies along with a load of Cartwright blues.

Bob Sztorc of the **Caprice** reported that despite heavy winds on Thursday and Friday, Dave Boggs and Bill Ellis took a combined catch of 400 pounds

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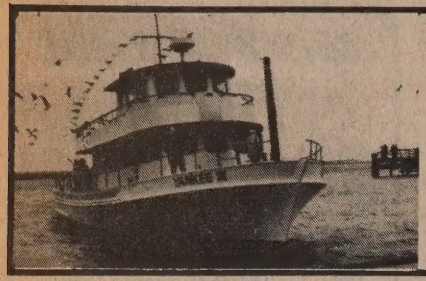

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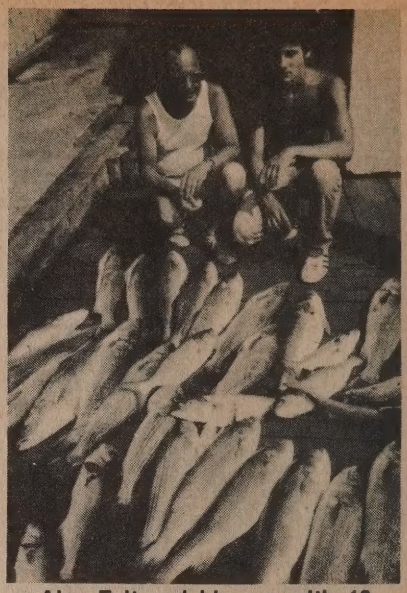

Alex Felt and his son with 18 weaks, 2 bass and some blues taken casting at Montauk aboard the charter boat, "Vivienne."

of porgies and sea bass to 3½ pounds at Washington Shoal and along the south side.

Bluefin tuna are still in the Montauk picture. Maureen reported that as recently as this Monday morning, Capt. Bob Rocchetta of the **Rainbow II** had 1 medium bluefin in the boat and was fighting another. He was diamond jigging the fish west of the butterfish hole.

From the **Viking Fleet** we learn of the continued dynamite night gorilla bluefishing at Cartwright. We believe there will be one more full week of this chopper action aboard one of the Viking boats, but caLl to be sure. The Nomans Land porgy safaris continue to produce very strongly with the biggest kind of porgies. These catches are truly incredible. Catches of cod at Coxes Ledge and Block Island have been fair to good depending on the day.

SOUTH FORK

From skipper Artie Latch of the **Sag Harbor Wilhelric II**, Saturday saw good blackfishing after five days of inactivity due to the terrible weather. However, the lumpy seas still limited where the boat could go and the wind didn't help any. Still catches averaged 6 to 8 blackfish a man. High hook was 15 and the pool fish went 6 lbs. With good conditions Sunday, the fishing improved greatly. Bob Gibson of Central Islip grabbed the pool with a 10 plus lb. black and 20 others. Jim Lane loaded up with 16 blacks to 9½ lbs. Three buddies from West Islip totalled 45 to 8½ lbs. Jack Harrison of Westbury had 20 blackfish to 9 lbs. while Pete Armest had 10 blacks to 9 lbs. Approximately 350 blackfish were

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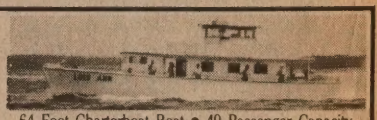

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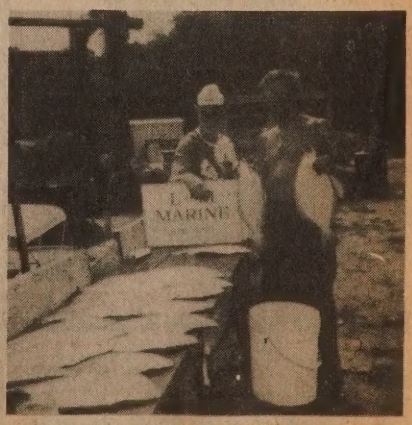
Thom Speckenbach of **Speck's Tackle Shop** in **Southampton** said that boatmen were severly hampered by strong winds this week. He did speak of some sea bass and blackfish at the Shinnecock Inlet jetties. Flounder fishing was good at Heady Creek and some sea bass were mixed with them but reports coming from the Basket area told of slow action with flatties on the weekend. The canal has some flounder but most are small.

week should spur some good action shortly. Moriches Bay saw some decent action with nice sized fish late in the day on both Saturday and Sunday. Best bet in Great South Bay

Joe Sander with a nice catch of flounder taken at Haven's Pt. on worms and mussel chum. Photo courtesy of Skidmore's Fishing Station in E. Moriches.

South Shore REPORT
with Fred Golofaro

Strong winds most of the week and into the weekend hampered the efforts of boatmen along much of the south shore. Flounder fishing in both Moriches and Great South Bays left much to be desired but a noticeable drop in water temperatures this past



John Nepson and Jerry Masterson took these 21 fluke to 3½ lbs. in Moriches Bay back in August. They did their fishing out of L&M Marine in East Moriches.

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remains the blackfishing atop the Kismet Reef where good numbers of tautogs continue to be taken. Ocean bluefishing still a safe bet with some wild fishing when the weather cooperates.

MORICHES BAY & INLET

At **Silly Lilly Fishing Station** in **East Moriches**, Gary Grunseich said that last week's storm shut down the fishing but also helped to cool water temperatures. Only good fishing of the week occurred late in the day Saturday and Sunday with a showing of nice size fish at Haven's Point. Worms and mussel or clam chum best for the flatties with the last half of incoming and the first half of outgoing the most productive.

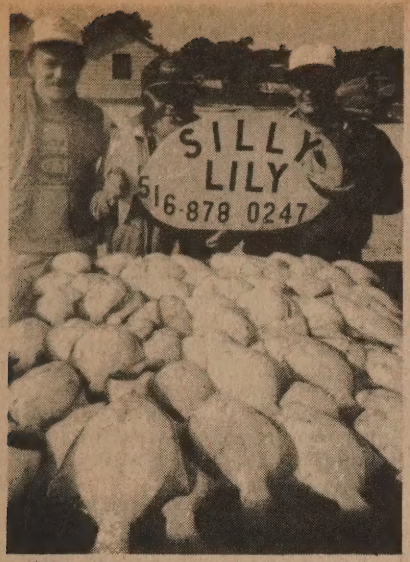
Down the road, Jim DeVita of **Skidmore's Fishing Station** in **East Moriches** spoke of quality rather than quantity with most of the flatties taken in recent days falling into the 1-2½ pound range. Fishing was poor during the week due to the storm but there was an improvement in the flatfish picture in recent days particup larly during Sunday's flood tide in the afternoon. Good tides for this week and lower water temperatures have Jim hoping for a good flatfish weekend. Best chance at the flatties should be in Hart's Cove with worm bait and chumming a big help.

GREAT SOUTH BAY/ FIRE ISLAND INLET

From **J & J Tackle** in **Patchogue**, Paul Graniello spoke of some flounder being taken just east of the Smith Point Bridge over the weekend. One of his customers checked in a mixed bag of porgies, sea bass and a few nice size flounder which were taken on Sunday near buoy 5 off of Heckscher. Local docks have been quiet according to Paul.

Dave Canale of **J & R Sports Center** in **Oakdale** weighed a 5 pound brown trout for Joseph Gardini of Floral Park on Friday. The fish measured 24½ inches and was one of many nice fish that have come from Connetquot State Park recently. Dave added that quite a few 3-4 pound rainbows and browns are being taken out of the river. On the saltwater scene, blackfish on the Kismet Reef remain the best bet for sinker bouncers. A few flounder are being taken at buoy 2, in Clam Pond and in the State Channel but most remain on the small side. A few bass are being taken in the bay and at the inlet after dark on eels. Dave reminded that they do have live eels in stock.

From **Peppy's Tackle Shop** in **East Islip**, Irene Cioffi said that the



This fine catch of fall flatties was made by Andy Attanassio, Andy Jr. and Joe Killian in Moriches Bay recently. The trio fished out of Silly Lily Fishing Station in East Moriches.

weather this past week kept activity down considerably. However, blackfishing remains very good at Kismet on fiddler or green crabs. Mike Cioffi journeyed out to the jetty in Moriches Inlet on Sunday and returned with 8 nice blackfish. A few flounder around locally but nothing to get excited about as of yet.

Carl Miller, speaking from **Smokey's Tackle Shop** in **Bay Shore** said that the Oak Beach Cove has some flounder, kingfish and small blackfish. Best blackfishing is being found on the Kismet Reef where a few sea bass and blowfish are mixed with the tautogs. Small blues were jigged at the mouth of the inlet on Sunday while slammer blues fell for jigs worked atop ocean wrecks—the San Diego among them. A couple of big bass taken on eels east of the Robert Moses Bridge since the storm and some in the teens and 20's jigged on wire and bucktails around the bridge abutments. Carl reminded in response to rumors of some moron trying to stick a Beluga whale with a harpoon that anyone tampering with these mammels faces state and federal prosecution.

Over at **Captree**, bottom fishing on the Fire Island Reef and Ocean Wrecks providing plenty of action when the weather allows. Capt. Carl Passero of the open boat **Jib VI** spoke of a good mix of sea bass, porgies and blackfish on the reef when he was able to sail. While most of the blacks being taken now are on the small side, dropping water temperatures should result in a great improvement in the number and size of tautogs being taken. On Sunday, Amando Vilra took the pool with a 7.6 pound black. He also had a bucket full of sea bass and porgies.

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Amavel Bento with a 46¾ lb. yellowfin tuna taken S.E. of Fire Island Inlet back in August. The tuna, along with a white marlin, was checked in at Smokey's Tackle in Bay Shore.

Captree open boat **Capt. Joseph II** said that Saturday's strong NW winds made for difficult fishing conditions which resulted in a fair pick of sea bass and blackfish on the ocean reef. A 7½ pound black finished as the pool winner. On Sunday it was another story altogether as a flat ocean resulted in very good fishing. Charlie began the day on the reef where fares took lots of porgies in the ¾-2 pound class. They also had some sea bass and blackfish to 3 pounds. At mid-day the skipper moved to an offshore wreck where fares loaded up on sea bass and more porgies but mostly bass. Scott Lebofsky had 41, Steve Lowenthal had 47, Ed Baciagalubo took home 36 while Ed & Debbie Sprindys put 68 fish in their bag. Sea bass dominated all of these scores. Lest we forget night bluefishing remains super on the Patchogue Grounds. Saturday night's trip on the boat saw fares drag off bags of choppers ranging from 5-18½ pounds.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** spoke of good to very good bluefishing on the day trips and spectacular fishing at night with mixed size blues being taken on jigs and bait in the daytime. The day fishing is now being done over ocean wrecks and an occasional cod is being picked with the blues. On Sunday's trip, Mike Califano took 22 blues. Walter McMahon copped the pool with an 18 pound chopper he had 17 others as well. Night fishing is being done on the Patchogue Grounds and on several wrecks. The skipper said that he will continue on the bluefish run as long as they stick around which he figures should be at least for a couple more weeks.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty 3** continues to do a number on blues. He had some super action this week south of Cherry Grove with

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blues to 18 pounds and some weaks in the 8-10 pound class. Fishing over a wreck on Sunday produced a 22 pound chopper while the rest of the day's catch was made up of 8-16 pound fish. Saturday night saw 13 fares take over 300 blues to 19 pounds off of Cherry Grove and on wrecks. The skipper expects the hot fishing to last for a while.

Bobby Sprenger, speaking from the **Captree Bait Station** said that some flounder and blackfish are being taken from State Park fishing piers at Robert Moses, Captree Overlook and Jones Beach. The bay boats doing a good job on the blackfish atop the Kismet Reef and at select bay wrecks. Ocean Wrecks producing good bottom fishing and also very good bluefishing.

Fred Austin of **Augie's Tackle Shop** in **Babylon** spoke of a showing of flounder off of Berger Point and in the State Channel. He thought that this week's cooler temperatures might make for some decent flounder action by this weekend. Blackfishing remains good at Kismet and some very good sea bass scores being made on Ocean Wrecks and the Fire Island Ocean Reef. The Babylon Tuna Club's Weekend Striper Derby resulted in no striper entries but did produce a school bluefin tuna for Steve Pace. The surprise catch was made while the Babylon angler trolled the beach in search of a striper.

The best flounder fishing appears to be located to the west in this area. Mike Andreani of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** told of Bill, Frank and Brian who checked in 35 flounder taken on bloodworms, and clam and mussel chum in the East-west channel on Saturday. Mike said that the flounder fishing has improved here but thought that half the fish still had

Louise Lettieri took this 10 lb. weak from the Oak Beach shore back in September. The big tiderunner was weighed at Augie's Tackle Shop in Babylon.

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to be returned and added that chumming is a must. Most of the better scores are being made in the state channel near the Amity Cut and Squaw Island. Joe Uss and his son took 38 blacks on fiddlers at Kismet on Saturday. Blackfishing remains good on the reef as well as around the abutments of the R.M. Bridge. A few big weaks continue to be livelined at the WR Buoy. Twelve year old Stephen Ciriello made his first weakfish one to remember when he took a 14 pound tiderunner during the week.

From **Z Crab Tackle** in **Copiague**, Ralph Angelillo reported good blackfishing on the Kismet Reef, Oak Beac Barge and at the State Channel Drawbridge. Scott Parent weighed in an 8 pound black that he took at the R.M. Bridge on Saturday. Fiddlers and greens working best on the tautogs. Good numbers of smallish flounder being taken in the Amityville area and some big weaks being livelined in the bay. Ralph saw 8 bass in the 7-8 pound class which were worm trolled by one of his customers in the Bayville area on Sunday. No word on any bass locally.

West End REPORT
with Stu Miller

The storm interrupted the action that was building for the fall but did not put the kiss of death on it by any means. Flounder continue to improve while sea bass, blacks and porgies are still making people happy at inshore wrecks. Blackfishing at the bridges and jetties has been fabulous. Bluefish, while not super consistent, again due to the weather are still very definitely around in large numbers and good sizes.

WEST END BAYS/ JONE'S INLET

From **Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station** in **Seaford** we learn of Mr. William's and friend who bagged 54 good flounder Sunday along with porgies and sea bass. Flatties ran up to 1¼ lbs. Best areas have been Massapequa Cove, Four Corners and the areas west of Wantagh bridges. Worm and clam aided by corn and mussel chum. Plenty of blacks at the 2nd and 3rd Wantagh bridges up to 5 lbs., mainly on fiddlers.

A call from **Pop's Fishing Station** told of sporadic flounder catches by their rental fleet, with best results on the west side of the Wantagh Bridge (1 through 3) and in Haunts Creek. Blackfishing has been tremendous right through Sunday with fish up to 4½ lbs. at the bridges and rocky areas

FREEPORT

George and John Tripptree with blues to 18¾ lbs. taken in Jones Inlet recently. They were checked in at Thompson's Fishing Station.

on fiddlers and greenies. A LOT of blackfish. Those out after blue claw crabs are averaging a bushel per boat and there are still a few fluke around.

Except for one day during the week, the day of the big storm, it was a great bluefishing week, reported Capt. Al Lindroth of the **Capt. Al.** Cholera was the spot for big fish as were some of the skipper's favorite wrecks. On Sunday's trip, Ralph Martinez, Bronx had 31 big blues. Adrian and Al Warg had 30 choppers, while Charlie Pane had 26. Bronx angler Pete Krauss had the big fish of the week an 18½ lber. For the week, fish ran 2 to 18½ lbs. on bait and diamond jigs with tails.

Captain Al Balla of the charter boat **Nickie B** sailed Jim McCardle and group of Roosevelt Raceway Sunday taking 29 blues from 8-15 lbs. in 100 feet of water southeast of Jones on butterfish and chum.

Last week aboard the **Lady J II** Monday's trip for Mike Sanger and group, Greenwich Village PD, worked Cholera with bait for blues to 15 lbs. Thursday's trip for Tidewater Improvement Corp., Bethpage fished the same area with a 16 lb. pool winner for the day. Friday's trip to the same place saw a group from US Trust Co of N.Y. taking fish up to 12 lbs. Friday's night charter for the Dave Cohen group of NYC had blues up to 17 lbs. at 17 Fathoms. Saturday'd trip for Kleeban Tool Co. of Westbury jigged smaller fish off the Jersey Coast with the pool winner a 14 lber. Sunday's trip for the Stan Richter group, fished two hours sailing time south of the inlet bailing 4-5 lb. blues. On the way back, they diamond jigged 17 to 18 lbers. at an offshore wreck.

This week's parties included Sunday night's trip for Key Food, Valley Stream taking some blues at 17 Fathoms in rough seas. Monday's trip for the Anthony Batista group of Carmel , NY picked away at blues in bad sea conditions and then came back intot he bay for flounder, sea bass and blacks. On Friday, the Joe

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Stasiak group had fair bluefishing on 2-15 lbers. at Cholera on bait and chum. On Friday night, Farrels Restaunt, Bayside, chummed blues. Saturday's trip for Paniflex Corp., Bronx found bluefishing slow, then fished the bay for sea bass, flounder and blacks. Sunday's trip for Capri Kitchen Cabinets, Farmingdale had a blast of a day chumming tuna. They had 5 yellowfin tuna to 150 lbs and 19 albies to 22 lbs.

Captain Richie Kessinger's **Starstream II** on Sunday had blues to 18 lbs. Saturday's fishing was good but the boat had to fish late into the day. All catches both day and night are on chum.

A call from the **Bluefin Fleet** told of good bluefishing, weather permitting. Pool fish of the week was a 15 lb. blue caught by John Stack. Generally, blues are running 3 to 15 lbs. S/SW of the inlet. Mixed catches of sea bass also being taken. The inshore fishing on wrecks, pieces and bridge areas are producing flounder, sea bass and blacks.

The **Capt. Andy II** continues to pick away 2 trips a day at the local flounder in the north end of SWift and lOng creeks and the south side of Sloop Channel. High hooks of the week have been in the 30s and 40 and both tides have been working.

From the **freeport Boatmens Association** we learn that Capt. Walt Scott of the **Acme II** had some excellent bluefishing at Angler Banks on the weekend. CHolera also produced

Kevin Moran and friends with weaks taken on jigs aboard the Freeport charter boat, "Apus."

catches of outsized blues Sunday. The boats working the bay are having good catches of flounder and blackfish. Please note the **Super Spray II** has concluded its night bluefishing for the season. The day trips for sea bas porgies and blacks with very good results. Captain Jim beli:eves he will be codifishing in approximately three weeks.

Word from the charter boat **Capt. Gary** is that Saturday's trip for Sterling National Bank, NY saw good mixed bag fishing in Long Creek and at the M Bridge with Ray Valenti taking high hook honors. Sunday's trip for Allied Compass Van Lines had the same mixed bag of flounder, sea bass and blacks in the same ares. High hook with 22 flounder was bill Gallo who also took the pool.

From the ' **Capt. Lou Fleet** word is that flounder catches were pretty good all week when the boat could sail. Wednesday was just a half day due to the weather but high hook was 30 flounder nonetheless. On Thursay the **CL IV** saw Hy a regular fish both trips taking roughly 50 flatties on each trip. Friday's all day trip saw high hook in t he 40s. Saturday was a super day with over 900 flounder taken by fares. Sunday was a little slower with roughly 700 keeper fl0under. Note all tickets are sold out for the Saturday AM trip on the **CL IV**. There will be a party November 19th, Saturday night for all customers. Please call the Poop Deck Dock.

In nearby **Pt. Lookout** we learn from Capt. Ron of the **Miss Point Lookout** that this week has seen a mixture of both good and poor days, dependingn on the weather conditions. Early in the week, high hooks were in the 30s Monday. The storm hit Wednesday. On Thursday's PM trip, Pauline and George Gathered up over 50 flatties. Irwin and son had roughly 40 good flounder. Saturday's PM catches were fair with Dr. Joe taking the pool. Swift and Long Creeks and Reynolds Channel have been the chief producing areas. By the time you read this report the flounder action should be much improve. Some larger fish to 2¼ lbs. were taken Sunday AM. Ron wishes to thank his customers for a successful bluefish season and he hopes to see you again in '84.

From the two trip a day **Capt. Bill** we hear of good flounder fishing all week. On Thursday Roland Giuntini,

High Tide Tables

How to use tide tables: To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion table. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that area station above. Example: Shinnecock Inlet . . . −0 50 is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." −0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6½ hours to this figure.

DAY	SANDY HOOK AM	SANDY HOOK PM	BREAKWATER HARBOR AM	BREAKWATER HARBOR PM	NEW YORK AM	NEW YORK PM	NEW LONDON AM	NEW LONDON PM	WILLETS POINT AM	WILLETS POINT PM	BRIDGEPORT AM	BRIDGEPORT PM	NEWPORT AM	NEWPORT PM	DATE
THURS.	7:30	7:50	8:20	8:35	8:15	8:30	9:05	9:20	11:10	11:25	10:50	11:10	7:25	7:40	10/20
FRI.	8:10	8:25	8:55	9:10	8:45	9:00	9:35	10:00	11:25	11:45	11:25	11:50	8:00	8:20	10/21
SAT.	8:45	9:00	9:30	9:50	9:20	9:35	10:10	10:35	11:50	—	—	12:00	8:40	9:00	10/22
SUN.	9:20	9:40	10:05	10:25	9:50	10:05	10:45	11:15	12:20	12:25	12:25	12:40	9:20	9:40	10/23
MON.	9:55	10:25	10:45	11:05	10:25	10:45	11:25	—	12:55	1:10	1:05	1:20	10:00	10:25	10/24
TUES.	10:35	11:10	11:25	11:50	11:05	11:35	12:00	12:05	1:40	1:50	1:50	2:00	10:45	11:10	10/25
WED.	11:25	—	—	12:15	—	12:00	12:45	12:55	2:25	2:40	2:35	2:50	11:35	—	10/26
THURS.	12:05	12:20	12:40	1:10	12:40	12:55	1:40	1:55	3:15	3:35	3:30	3:50	12:05	12:35	10/27

On Sandy Hook

STATEN ISLAND	+0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	−0 01
Red Bank, Navesink River	+1 49
Long Branch	−0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	−0 18
Shark River Basin	+0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	−0 12
Seaside Park	−0 33
Mantoloking bridge	+5 34
TOMS RIVER	+4 37
Waretown	+2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	−0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+2 33
Beach Haven	+1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	−0 01
Seven Islands	+0 12
Graveling Point	+1 05
Mullica River	+1 55
Grassy Bay	+1 08
ABSECON INLET	+0 14
Atlantic City Pier	−0 26
Great Egg Harbor Inlet	+0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+0 44
CORSON INLET	+0 09
TOWNSENDS INLET	+0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+0 45
Cape May Harbor	−0 02
Rehobeth Beach	−0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+0 41
SHINNECOCK INLET	−0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+1 25
East Quogue	+2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+1 18
Indian Reservation	+3 05
MORICHES INLET	−0 56
Smith's Point	+3 28
Hart's Cove	+1 30
Pontunk Point	+3 35
Mastic Beach	+3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	−0 38
Democrat Point	−0 38
Coast Guard Station	−0 19
Fire Island Light	+0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville (Brown Creek)	+3 39
Heckscher State Park	+3 20
Bay Shore	+2 23
Babylon	+2 12
Amityville	+2 21
JONES INLET	−0 19
Zachs Bay	+1 25
Seaford Harbor	+2 05
Freeport Creek	+0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	−0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	0 00
Beach Channel Bridge	+0 38
J.F.K. Airport	+0 26

On Bridgeport

Lloyd Point	+0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+0 08
Bayville Bridge	+0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+0 03
Northport Bay	+0 03
Norwalk Islands	+0 10
Smithtown Bay	+0 08
Cranes Neck Point	+0 05
Port Jefferson Hbr. entrance	+0 03
New Haven Harbor	+0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	+0 05
Herod Point	−0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+0 05
Horton Point	−0 20
Truman Beach	−0 42
Falkner Island	−0 13
Sachem Head	−0 10
Branford Harbor	−0 07
New Haven Harbor entrance	−0 08
Milford Harbor	−0 07
Stratford, Housatonic River	+0 27
Shelton, Housatonic River	+1 36
Black Rock Harbor entrance	−0 03
Saugatuck River entrance	−0 01
South Norwalk	+0 10
Greens Ledge	−0 01
Stamford	+0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+0 06
Greenwich	+0 02

On New London

Orient	+0 36
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+0 12
Greenport	+1 04
Southold	+1 43
New Suffolk	+2 26
South Jamesport	+2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+2 33
Noyack Bay	+2 05
Sag Harbor	+0 59
Three Mi. Hbr., Gardiners Bay	+0 21
Promised Land, Napeague Bay	−0 14
Montauk Inlet	−0 25
Montauk Point, north side	−1 13
Niantic	+1 20
Stonington, Fishers Is. Sound	−0 33
Noank, Mystic River ent.	−0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove entrance	−0 01
Norwich	+0 12
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook Jetty	+1 10
Lyme, highway bridge	+1 24
Essex	+1 38
East Haddam	+2 41
Higganum Creek	+2 54

On Willets Point

Little Neck Bay	−0 10
Execution Light	-0 06
Manhasset Bay	−0 01
Hempstead Harbor	−0 11
City Island	−0 03
Rye Beach	−0 28
Port Chester	−0 09
Mamaroneck	−0 08
New Rochelle	−0 24
Davids Island	−0 02

On Breakwater Harbor

CAPE MAY POINT	−0 10
Miami Beach	+0 17
East Pt., Maurice River Cove	+0 53
Egg Island Point	+0 33
Cape Henlopen	−0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+0 09
Mispillion River entrance	+0 33

On New York

Jersey City	+0 07
George Washington Bridge	+0 46
Spuyten Duyvil, W/RR bridge	+0 58
Ossining	+1 53
Peekskill	+2 24
West Point	+3 16
Newburgh	+3 42

On Newport

Sakonnet	−1 10
Tiverton (between bridges)	+0 21
Beavertail Point	−0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Point	+1 10
Bristol	+1 10
Warren	+0 21
Nayatt Point	+0 12
Pawtucket, Seekonk River	+0 21
East Greenwich	+0 16
Wickford	+0 12
Narragansett Pier	−0 08
Point Judith Hbr. of Refuge	−0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+0 05
Block Island (Old Harbor)	−0 14
Watch Hill Point	+0 44

Sunrise/Sunset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/20	7:17	6:12
FRI. 10/21	7:18	6:11
SAT. 10/22	7:19	6:09
SUN. 10/23	7:20	6:08
MON. 10/24	7:21	6:06
TUE. 10/25	7:23	6:05
WED. 10/26	7:24	6:03

Moonrise/Moonset

DAY / DATE:	RISE:	SET:
THU. 10/20	5:58PM	5:39AM
FRI. 10/21	6:22PM	6:42AM
SAT. 10/22	6:49PM	7:46AM
SUN. 10/23	7:19PM	8:52AM
MON. 10/24	7:55PM	10:00AM
TUE. 10/25	8:38PM	11:08AM
WED. 10/26	9:29PM	12:14PM

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10/6	10/13	10/21	10/29

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	AM Minor	AM **Major**	PM Minor	PM **Major**
Thurs.	11:40	**5:30**	—	**5:55**
Fri.	12:10	**6:20**	12:30	**6:45**
Sat.	12:55	**7:05**	1:15	**7:25**
Sun.	1:40	**7:45**	1:55	**8:10**
Mon.	2:25	**8:25**	2:35	**8:50**
Tues.	3:05	**9:05**	3:15	**9:25**
Wed.	3:40	**9:45**	3:55	**10:05**
Thurs.	4:20	**10:25**	4:35	**10:45**

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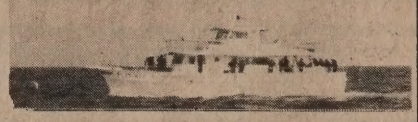

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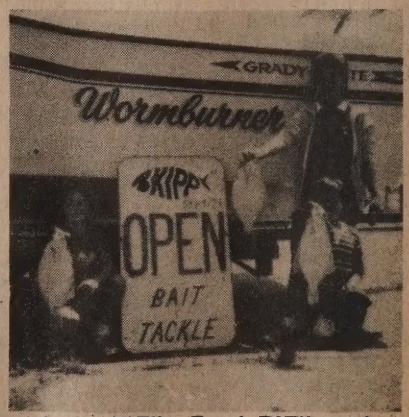
scored with 50 flatties. Saturday Mitch Appei had 40 flounder. Saturday's high hook was 29 flatties. Catches averaged in the 20s. Sunday was a little slower with high hook in the 20s and average catches 10 to 15 a man. The skipper is working back creeks on worm and clam. Outgoing and the ends of the tides have been best.

From the charter boat **Marie III** we learn of Saturday's trip for the Paradise Fishing Club aNd their excellent flounder catches at the north endof Swift, the back in Freeport and the east end of Reynolds. Fish ran up to 1¾ lbs. Excellent blackfish catches to 3 lbs. at the Meadowbrook on slack with green crabs best. Flounder were hitting worm and clam and fares are filling one to one plus buckets. Sunday's trip for Post Fishing Club fished the same area, same bait. Action was a little slower and the fish were biting lighter. Average catch was 10-20 blackfish/flounder a man. The skipper advised he still has a few open november dates.

From Marilyn at **Ed's Fishing Station**, we hear of West Rowcroft, Freeport who had in Swift Creek two 12 lb. blues and a 14 lb. weakfish on live bunker. The blackfishing has been phenomenal at the M bridge, T wreck, Loop bridge and jetties. Fish are mixed from small to biggies. Mixed sea bass and flounder all through Reynolds and at the CG Sta.

The word from **Beckmann's Tackle in Lynbrook** is of an increase in the flounder action in a lot of the creeks feeding into Sloop Channel. Charlie advises that the holes are hot for larger flounder. He also knew of the great blackfishing going on at all of the bridges at slack water, rocks and mussel bottom. lots of snappers are still around and there has been especially good blue claw crabbing in the ocean side creek near the Lilco plant.



Janice D'Elia, Frank D'Elia and Jean and Debbie Dimauro topped off their 60 flounder catch with these three flatties to 2.10 lbs. Fishing was done near the Meadowbrook Bridge with sandworms. The catch was checked in at Skippy's Tackle Shop in East Rockaway.

We learn from **Long Beach Sports Marina** that the railroad Trestle and Lindell School have been produc ing good flounder catches and also a few porgies on the weekend. Teacher Charlie Goldberg scored with 25 good flounder plus some porgies mixed in Saturday. He also had 10 blackfish to 6 lbs. working the area off the Silver Point jetty. Frank and Don Durando brought back a tub of blackfish and a 12 lb. blue taken on a live baby blackfish at the Silver Point jetty. Weaks and blues are being taken under the bunker schools in Reynolds Channel and around the inlets. Pat Kinneary had weaks to 14 lbs. and blues to 16 lbs. under the bunker schools in Reynolds and off the Rockaways on live bunker.

Over in **Atlantic Beach**, Al at **Reynolds Reef Fishing Station** talked about the very good flounder catches being made at Bannister Creek, the Island Park railroad trestle, Duck Point and the area of the Magnolia Blvd. Pier. Fish are going to 1½ lbs. on bloods. Blackfish are swarming at the AB Bridge, both ends up to 4 lbs. and also at the Silver Point jetty. They are smashing fiddler and green crabs. Blues have been caught any and all methods in 40 feet of water off the local beaches with blues 12 to 18 lbs. The Four Queens fished the Bicardi Wreck taking 16 bft's 60 to 100 lbs. on butters and chum. The marlin was also on this wreck and had tuna.

NEW YORK BIGHT

Over in **Sheepshead Bay**, Wee Willie at **Mike's Tackle** told of the **Pilot II** and the blackfish slaughter that the boat has been having on days that the weather was not horrible. Flounder have started off Manhattan Beach and the Sheepshead Bay piers. Mixed sizes of bluefish are being taken in big numbers at 17 Fathoms on diamonds without tubes and a lot being taken off the rock jetties on Bomber plugs. Tons of tuna at the Bicardi Wreck.

Captain Bob of the **Flamingo III** did not sail Wednesday and Thursday due to the weather. Friday's fares had good blues and 20 weaks. Saturday's fishing was great along the Jersey beach with many fares having catches of 50 to 70 fish. Sunday saw good bluefishing again with some albies and bonito mixed in. Many fares had in the 30s and 40s. Bluefish have been ranging to 8 lbs. on diamond jigs since the storm. A few bass have been showing locally.

A call from the two trip a day boat **Pastime II** advised that due to the number of request from customers for flounder, the boat has now switched to the flatfishing. Action was slow for the most part on the weekend with fares catching a few fish per man. However the great weather made for an enoyable weekend. The fishing should be on an upswing on a day by day basis as the water cools and the

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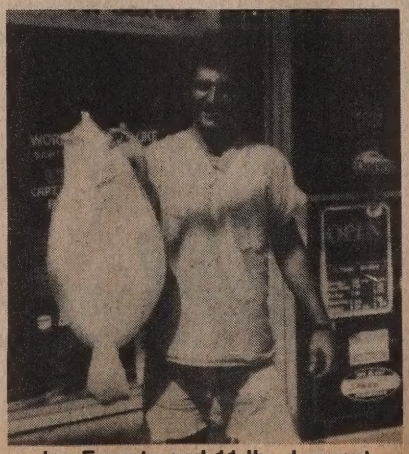


Joe Foresta and 11 lb. doormat fluke he pulled from the rips off of Eaton's Neck. The big flatfish was weighed at Four Winds Tackle in Huntington.

boat will be sailing a two trip a day schedule until further notice.

North Shore REPORT

with Marty Garrell

A four day Northeaster made for spotty fishing reports, but Sunday's action seemed to be well worth the wait. Blackfishing and bluefishing are now at fall peak and bass are due with the moon tide in most areas.

WESTERN SOUND

Jack Rumpf at **Jack's Bait** on **City Island** saw some big blackfish off Steppingstone Light in 16-18' of water. Here and there, blues were available along with school bass, and Eastchester Bay had the first good reports of fall flounder.

Dave Watt at the **Glen Cove Sport Shop** announced that surf casters were picking up bass off Center Island, Matinecock, and Pryble. Schoolie fish were less than 24'', but numbers were good. A few blues to 14 pounds were spotted, and blackfishing seemed to be improving every day. Flounder numbers were not great but some sizeable fish were in the catches. A genuine 2½ poiund flattie was weighed from a Pryble Beach catch. Twilight and early morning hours off Stahle's Beach were worth a try with poppers for blues and bass.

After a rough Saturday, Dom Cerbone reported a nice Sunday on the **Apache** from **City Island**. Fishing 30-35 feet of water off Norwalk, the boat averaged a half dozen fish per person with pool tautog around 7 or 8 pounds. Fiddlers and green crabs were the standard baits, and soft baits get blasted by bergalls.

Pete Pearson on the **Klondike VIII** out of **New Rochelle** was enjoying fair fishing over the weekend on 2-7 pound bluefish off Eaton's, Port Jefferson, and Stratford. A switch to bottom fishing may be in the offering in a week or so.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

Can 13 had a stack of bass all week for those who drifted long leaders baited with sandworms on low hooks and 5 ounces or so of lead. This was the report from the Cedars at **Huntington Prop**. Best action is around dawn and fish run up to 15

pounds. Three quarter pound flounder are in the norm in the bay.

From Tom Bowman at **Bowman's** in **Northport** came descriptions of some good, deep water blackfishing off Eaton's, Lloyds and Target Rock. Flounder were available in good numbers but sizes were still small.

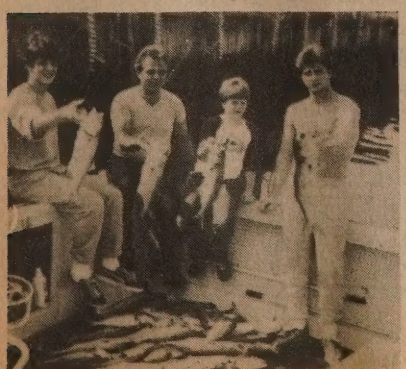
The **Caraftis Fishing Station** in **Port Jefferson** had some porgies in the weekend report. Scup are small inside, and a few larger fish are still in outside waters, but most of the action at Old Field is centered on blackfish. **Sutler's** reported a catch with 13 fish over 4 pounds in 25' of water near the Bell buoy. There were also some nice blues in the Port Jeff Harbor with 10 to 13 pound sizes rather common for bunker chunkers. This action continues to the east according to **Angler's Den** in **Selden**.

Ralph's in **Mount Sinai** weighed some enormouse gorilla blues this past week, including one 19-14 and another 21-2. Chunkers and liveliners seem to hit the fish in the morning and then after 3PM every day.

Packy Collins of the **Ever Ready** spent Saturday fishing locally in rough seas, then moved to Stratford on Sunday. Bluefish catches ranged from 10 to 18 per person on Sunday and drifts were not the best for jigging. The **Packy IV** has been specializing in bass and so has the **Broker**. Catches of 8-12 linesiders per trip for regulars like Al Mott are not unusual, but poor weather and tides can knock things down. Drifting worms is the ticket, although some trolling with wire is producing fish on occasion. Collins informs us that he'll stick with jigging through the full moon and then start blackfishing on the turns of the tide. The boat will be moving to 8AM starting times on weekends and holidays and the new schedule begins within a week. Watch the ad for details.

NORTH FORK

Despite a blowout for the weekend, **Warren's** in Aquebogue is still



Alex Cuttrone, with help from his three sons, put away 48 blues on jigs during a charter aboard the Huntington boat, "Broker."

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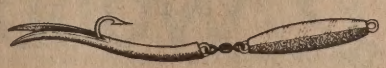

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optimistic for Sound prospects this week. Charlie Caraftis at the **Mattituck Fishing Station** figures that porgies are about finished, but says that blackfishing action off the Firing Range and the Motel is good in 10 to 12 feet of water.

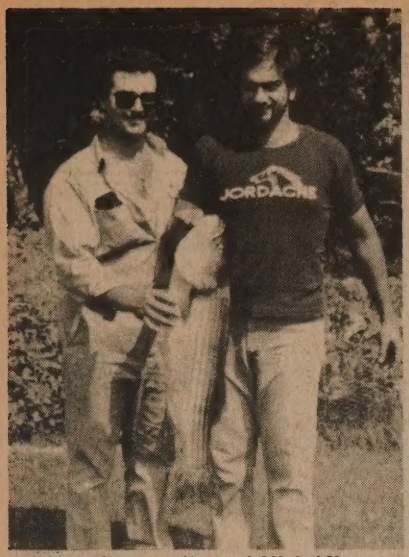
Ace Cottral at the **Port of Egypt** had a catch of porgies in astronomical numbers on Saturday but the fish from buoys 14, 16, and 17 were small. Blackfish on the bay were coming from the Brickyard and Greenlawns with some flounder from Dering Harbor, the East Marion Windmills and Pipe's Cove. There were no reports from the Sound after Wednesday because of the weather.

Sal Loria at **capt. Marty's** will still have bait available, but the rentals are now stashed away for the winter. A couple of boats were out over the weekend with mixed results. Best catches included kingfish, porgies and snappers from Nassau Point to Buoy 1 east of Robin's Island.

Despite the weather, Art White at the **A.P. White Bait Shop** reported a number of boats were still working Plum and Gull for prime blackfish. Larry Ciccotto called to tell us that the **Prime Time II** had a spectacular Sunday with buckets of tautog for most customers and 12 fish in the 8 lb. class and the biggest tautog better than 10 pounds. Ciccotto will be sailing through November 13th.

John Rainis had a good party with the **Blue Albatross** on Sunday and will have the Lady Reelers aboard this Monday. He'll be running through December 1st on blackfish, and his parties are booked through November 20th.

John Duggan on the **Peconic Star**



Taso Spanondis and Nick Kiouzellis with a 22 lb. striper caught in Plum Gut on a drifted bucktail. Subscriber photo.

detailed a good combined catch of porgies and blackfish on Sunday after a tough windy week. He's working deep wrecks, and there's more chill to the waters now. Mixing the porgies and blackfish is the rule, as tautog take top billing within the next week or so. We're told that George Porter's **Brand X** may be switching over to tautog in the near term as well. Best blackfish to hit a good set of scales over the weekend seems to be Bob Spitzenberg's 10-12 pool winner on the Peconic Star last Sunday.

Surf REPORT

with Fred Golofaro

Last week's easterly blow sparked some good surf action along south shore beaches, as well as out at the Island's tip. While many casters grumbled about the rains and strong winds during the early part of last week, others were well rewarded for the punishment they took.

No one was more thrilled with the effects of the storm than Richie Hope of Shirley, who chose to make his stand at Smith Pt. Park on Tuesday evening. The neophyte surfman, with no waders and armed with a bucket and a reel half spooled with line, confronted a wild surf, an easterly wind that was pushing 30 knots and a long heavy wash. Undaunted, he began

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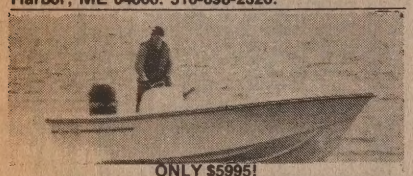

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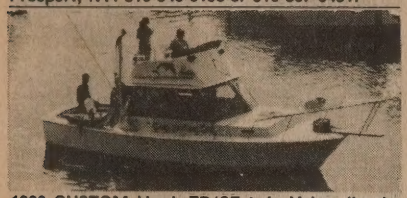

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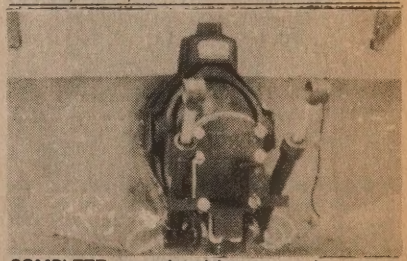

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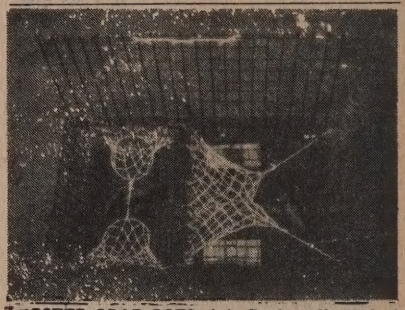

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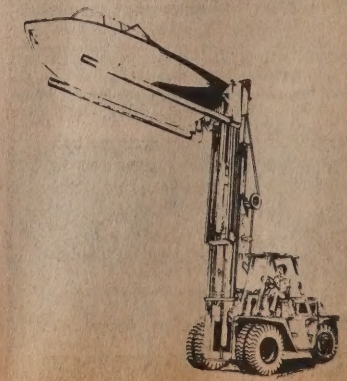

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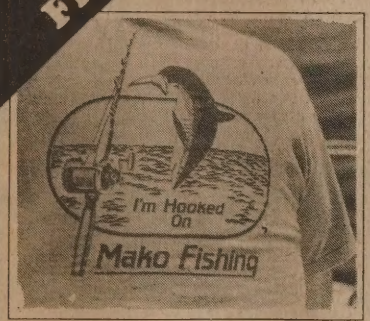

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slinging a Kastmaster into the suds and to make a long story short, it wasn't long before Rich was fast to a good bass—to the consternation of Yours Truly. Despite the difficult conditions and a line which parted while the fish thrashed in the wash, the excited angler emerged from the suds wrestling a striper in the 20 lb. class. It wasn't long before the scenario was replayed again, only this time a 30 lb. class striper met its doom. While I made like a spectator, the only other two casters on the beach, Steve Bunai and his brother Dave clicked with a 20 lb. bass and 14 lb. blue respectively .

Fishing to the east on the west side of Moriches Inlet and also on Tuesday, Pete Giacalone, Bill Laghezza and John Schauer filled a cooler with blues using poppers and tin. Biggest of the batch was a 15 pounder. According to Paul Graniello of **J&J Tackle in Patchogue**, action at the inlet was repeated again on Wednesday and Thursday, with a mixture of small and large bluefish. After a brief lull in the action, things appeared to pick up again late Sunday and into Monday morning. Paul weighed bass of 20½, a 15 lb. blue and a 10 lb. weak for Nick Anello early Monday. He also put a 30 lb. striper on the scale for Stevie Jendrjicks of the Great South Bay Anglers Club. Paul lamented that there fish along the western reaches of F.I.N.S. but due to beach closures surfmen have been unable to reach them more times than not.

Backtracking to the **Fire Island** area that same easterly spurred some wild bluefish action in the Cedar Beach-Gilgo area. Those casters lucky enough to get in on it tangled with giant blues, few of which were below the 15 lb. mark. Two of the largest choppers included a 24 lber. and a 22 lber., the former being weighed on two certified fishing club scales. This action lasted through Wednesday with just a few big blues from 16 to 18 lbs. picked on Thursday and Friday.

Mike Andreanni of **Lindenhurst Bait and Tackle** put Sal Pantealone's largest blue of Wednesday on the scale. The chopper, taken on a plug weighed 20.2 lbs. At least one striper came out of the Fire Island surf during the storm. Bob Seibert used a plug to take a 22.3 lb. bass from the suds. It was weighed at **AKugie's Tackle Shop in Babylon.**

Carl Miller of **Smokeys Tackle Shop in Bay Shore** had weighed bass of 24½, 25½ and 18 lbs. just before I spoke to him on Monday for Ray Bartlett and Pete Angiporti. These fish were imported from Montauk alonG with a couple of weaks in the 8-9 lb. range.

Before getting into Montauk, which was a hot bed of activity this week, Tom Speckenbach of **Speck's Tackle Shop in Southampton** said weekend casters did well with lots of blues in the 8-16 lb. class and a few bass between 12 and 18 lbs. on the east side of Shinnecock Inlet. Tins and swimming plugs accounted for most of the action during early morning hours and evenings.

The Montauk Striped Bass and Bluefish Surf Fishing Derby could not have been inaugurated at a better time as the surf here continued to be alive with fish. Stripers put in a solid appearance, a direct result of last week's storm while blues remain thick as fleas and weakfish held their ground to the surprise of many casters who expected the easterly to send them on their way. Many weakfish were taken under the light particularly on Friday night along with some bass. The weaks were also there Saturday night with Johnny Kronuch of **Johnny's Tackle Shop** reporting 7 weaks and one bass for J. Griffin. Several members of the Striper Surf Club enjoyed a big night with 8 t0 12 lb. weakfish Friday night into Saturday morning under the light. They also culled a few bass from among the weaks. Joe Viso had a 13 lber., while John Kay had bass of 7 and 11 lbs. according to club publicity man Mike Kalin. Mike also squeezed in a report of a 15½ lb. striper taken by club member Jack Driscoll at Atlantic Beach Thursday night. After the wild action of the night before (best during last two hours of the flood) small blues moved in on the point in hordes.

Many big stripers fell to surfmen at the Point between Wednesday and Sunday nights. Several, fell to members of the Nor'West Fishing Club. John Hachadoorian nailed bass of 41.14 and 32 lbs. Chip Albion had a 35 lber, while Bill Young has bass Of 32 and 22 to go along with 12 big weaks. Bill had his fish on Saturday while John and Chip did their scoring on Wednesday night. Joh's 41.14 lb. cow is the current leader in the surf fishing derby. A shot of 10 to 12 lb. blues along the south side late in the week resulted in a new leader for the bluefish division. Gerge Simandl checked in a 12.9 lb. chopper on Frida Other bass weighed in recent days included Stewart Heath's 40 lber., Glyn Irwin's 38 lber and Richie Rask's 35 lb. fish. John told of bringing in quite a few bass in the 20s and 30s over the course of the week.

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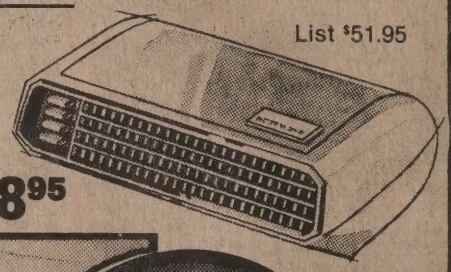

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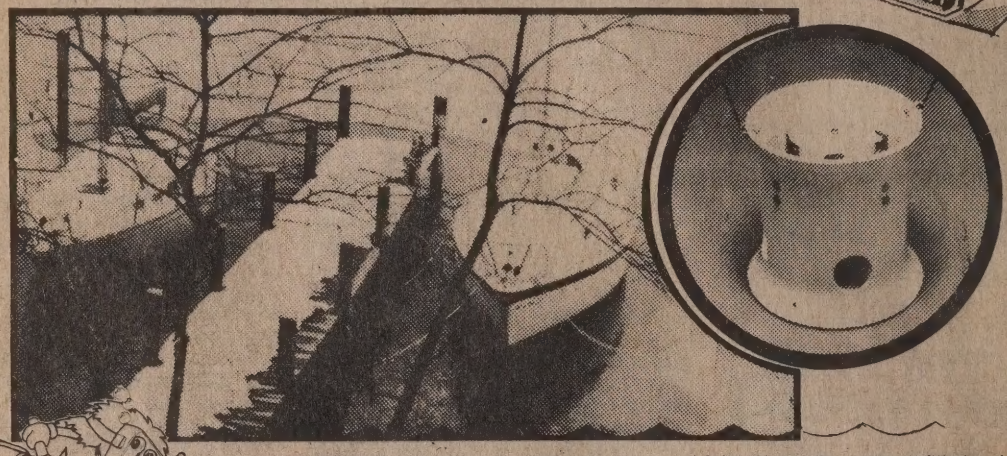

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